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From Left to Right: Color Guard Cmdr. MPO Alec D. Porter, MPO Nicolas Fiset, MPO Patrick Schiavone, Ofc. Jason Mazza, and MPO Brett Morgan. Photo by: Roclyn R. Porter



Board of Selectmen, John Sherman, Robert Gray and Charles "Buzzy" Blinn, observe a Moment of Silence at Memorial Day, 2009.



Memorial Day 2009



Memorial Day 2009



Town Moderator Barry Sargent prepares for Memorial Day Services.



Town Moderator Barry Sargent prepares for Memorial Day Services.



Board of Selectmen, John Sherman, with Town Moderator, Barry Sargent at Memorial Day, 2009.



Memorial Day 2009



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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AGENTS,
COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS
OF THE
TOWN OF PLAISTOW
NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR
2009



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CENSUS- 2010

PARTICIPATE IN THE 2010 CENSUS UPDATE - IT'S PLAISTOW'S VOTE IN GOVERNMENT!

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If your form isn't returned, you very well might receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.

Census information affects the numbers of seats our state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

An accurate count of Plaistow residents will be a key to future services and infrastructure for our Town. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

"...an accurate count of the U.S. population forms the basis for many important but often overlooked political, economic, and social decisions that are made that end up affecting our daily lives."

– C.N. Le, Professor at UMASS - Amherst

When you complete the census form, you're making a statement about what resources Plaistow will need in the future. That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period for things like new roads and schools, and services like job training centers.

Participation in the 2010 Census isn't just important—it's mandatory. But remember -- any personal data you provide is protected under federal law.





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“*PRIDE IN PLAISTOW*”

The “Pride of Plaistow” is defined in the exceptionalism exemplified in the quality of Plaistow’s citizens — past — present — and future.

As a border community, the Town of Plaistow has historically been an important gateway to all that people love about the Granite State. A financially conservative — yet, progressive community, has served as the economic center for the regional economy that offers an extraordinary heritage that values Plaistow’s small town, friendly neighborhood atmosphere.



Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Dan Poliquin, Presents “Pride of Plaistow” Citation to Plaistow Native, Marine Sergeant Joseph Nelson

Aggressively pursuing a vision for a stronger more prosperous community, Plaistow has endeavored to ensure that the Town enjoys many civic amenities and prides itself in maintaining its core values and historic heart.

The Pride in Plaistow is a quality that permeates our shared *attitude* exemplified by Plaistow’s citizens and leaders who boldly define the highest and greatest good for our community. It is also reflected in our collective community wide leadership for choosing actions that contribute to a healthy, sustainable, enjoyable, vibrant, community.

Whether it is in education, community programs, the library, community celebrations, recreational programs — the Pride in Plaistow shines through to unite our past — present — and future generations.





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DEDICATION

Timothy E. Moore

Tim Moore's dedication to the Town of Plaistow serves as a model for volunteer involvement which without him the Town truly could not function. We are fortunate to have a volunteer who is willing to contribute so much time to benefit the Town of Plaistow in so many worthwhile causes.

Tim Moore has contributed significantly to the Town of Plaistow over the past four decades. During this time, Tim has served on the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Beede Reuse Committee, Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee, the Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee (PATAC) the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), and the New Hampshire Rail Authority (NHRA).



*Tim Moore (Right) with
Selectmen "Buzzy" Blinn*

While currently retired, Tim had worked full time on the Infrastructure and Metric Team for Lucent Technologies for over 20 years. Despite this, he has always made the extra effort to attend as many meetings required to be an active member on each Board or Committee he has served.

Tim has been a member of the Conservation Commission since the early 1980's, serving as Chair for much of his tenure. During his time on the Board he helped to implement a Forest Management Plan, was instrumental in establishing the Town Forest, and encouraged the Boy Scouts to provide several trails and bridges. He has also worked with the local Scouts on Earth Day to demonstrate how pollutants affect our water sheds and aquifers.

He has also been responsible for acquiring conservation easements to a number of parcels along the Little River corridor, and is solely responsible for conducting an annual water quality sampling program. Tim has also applied for and received several grants which have allowed the Town to map its drainage infrastructure and establish Water Resource Protection Commission.

In coordination with the Northeast Rural Water Association, Tim helped lead the Conservation Commission in developing a "Source Water Protection Plan" that was presented in Washington, D.C., recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and used nationally as a water project model.

Tim also helps serve as a representative of the Conservation Commission each year at the "Old Home Day" where their display teaches about water pollution and conservation and he spends the day advising and educating the public on a wide range of topics from aquifer protection, wetland preservation or waste water runoff.

As a Planning Board Chairman, he has worked to develop and adopt Impact Fees for the Town, and has written numerous amendments that have been made to the zoning ordinance and regulations over the years. He has also made significant contributions to the Town's Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Tim's level of contribution has resulted in a significant impact to the community and thanks to his



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DEDICATION (Continued)

Timothy E. Moore

contributions, the Town has significantly progressed in terms of its land use and planning techniques.

As a member of the Beede Reuse Committee, he used his extensive background and knowledge from serving on all of the Boards and Committees to offer excellent suggestions to return the land to useable condition for the benefit of the Town.

Tim was appointed Commissioner to the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) in the mid-nineties. As the Town's longtime representative on the RPC, he has attended countless meetings and served on numerous committees all directed to improving public transportation, the wise usage of our natural resources and application of sound planning principals. He has worked at both the local level and regional level in addressing the town and regions planning efforts to improve public transportation. His commitment and the quality of his ideas and thinking that he brings to the table has been invaluable to the RPC. For example, he recently conceived and developed a new way for showing all activities and meeting schedules for the Commission's various committees to promote better publicity for them and to improve the advanced notice of these meetings. The RPC has formally integrated this into their standard operating procedure.

Tim's Love of Rail

Tim has been a leader and a strong advocate for expanding public transportation in the region. He represents the region on the New Hampshire Rail Authority (NHRA) and maintains a very active role in that body. He pushes the agency to be more inclusive, forceful and creative in how the state addresses and promotes public transportation.

As a part of PATAC since 1991, Tim was very instrumental in implementing the Amtrak "Down-easter" passenger rail service currently running from Boston, MA to Portland, ME. that began on December 15, 2001. He worked hard to incorporate a train stop in Plaistow as part of the new passenger rail service; however the station ended up being located in Haverhill, MA.

Also as a part of PATAC, Tim assisted in facilitating meetings with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), Epping, Kingston, and Plaistow town officials, Rockingham Planning Commission, the COACH Company (bus company), Pan AM Railways (Guilford Transportation Inc. at the time), and the MBTA which resulted in a 3-phase plan to 1) Establish commuter bus service with stops in Epping, Kingston, Plaistow, and then express to Boston Copley Square. This service began on January 31, 1994 with 3 morning buses and 3 afternoon return buses; 2) Establish a Park and Ride lot in Plaistow that would accommodate both the commuter bus service and commuter rail service. NHDOT purchased land adjacent to the railroad tracks that would accommodate the bus service and as well as MBTA commuter rail service. The Park and Ride lot was officially opened in 1997; and 3) Establish commuter rail service that would use the established bus service as a feeder service to the commuter rail service and continue the service into Boston Copley Square if sufficient demand could justify the service.

Currently, we are exploring the possibility of restoring commuter rail service to the Town of Plaistow. In 2010, with Tim's assistance, we intend to submit an application to amend the scope of work for a previously approved Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) project awarded in 2001.

Not only does Tim promote rail service, he also "rides the rails." Over the years, Tim has been a member of the "Rail Travel Center", a tour company that is run by a half dozen people. Tim was first exposed to this



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DEDICATION (Continued) **Timothy E. Moore**

group when he represented PATAC at an event in Washington, D.C. in the early 1990's. Since then, he and his "extended family" of 15 to 20 people have travelled by rail all over the U.S. and abroad. Already Tim has been to Russia, China, Tibet, South Africa, Canada, Switzerland, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Iceland, Germany, Austria and Afghanistan.

As a volunteer member on the multiple boards and committees, Tim has donated hundreds of hours of his time to the Town of Plaistow. He is well respected and assumes his responsibilities with diligence and dignity. What many find most admirable about Tim is his quiet dedication and ability to stay on target. He is dogged in his efforts in the best sense of the phrase. He stays at it and does not quit even when things do not go right. He understands that quiet perseverance coupled with sound ideas is the best way to have lasting positive results.

Tim has worked hard over the years to help plan the future of Plaistow by making sure that the Town is a thriving community that has economic growth, but also preserves its natural resources.

Thank You, Tim!



Tim Moore Reads the Town Warrant at the 2009 Deliberative Session



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PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS

1979

Clifton E. Cook

1989

Thomas H. Cullen

1999

Volunteerism

1980

John & Maude Duston

1990

Stanley T. Herrick

2000

Ruth E. Palmer

1981

John A. Palmer

1991

Norman L. Major

2001

Donald E. Petzold

1982

LeRoy S. Dube

1992

David C. Hart

2002

George & Eleanor Peabody

1983

Irving S. Gilman

1993

Lyman W. Hill

2003

J. Alden Palmer, Jr.

1984

George B. Peabody

1994

John McSheehy

2004

Merilyn P. Senter

1985

Mildred L. Palmer

1995

Don & Judy Sargent

2005

Plaistow Lions Club

1986

Helen A. Hart

1996

Jerry Assad

2006

Bernadine Fitzgerald

1987

Annie Mae Schwaner

1997

Robert Chooljian

2007

T. Richard Latham

1988

Ruth E. Jenne

1998

Agnes Dube

2008

Barry A. Sargent





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IN MEMORIAM

This page is dedicated to the memory of those Plaistow Residents who passed away during the year 2009. They have served the Town of Plaistow in exemplary ways as elected or appointed officials, or as volunteers serving in a variety of positions in Town.

Eleanor M. Colcord
1915 - 2009
Plaistow Public Library

Mary M. Collins
1937 - 2009
Board of Selectmen

Gene Paul
1941 - 2009
Plaistow Rescue





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2009 ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Assistant Moderator	No Term	Capital Improvement Program Committee	Term
Norman L. Major		Timothy E. Moore, Chairman	2010
		Steven Ranlett, Planning Board	2010
Auditor	Term	Joyce Ingerson, Budget Comm.	2010
Matthew Sadewicz	2010	Martha Sumner, Budget Comm. Alt	2010
Open	2010	John A. Sherman, Sel. Rep.	2010
		Daniel J. Poliquin, Sel. Rep.	2010
Board of Selectmen	Term	Charles "Buzzy" Blinn, Sel. Rep., Alt.	2010
Daniel J. Poliquin, Chairman	2012		
Robert J. Gray, Vice Chairman	2011	Cemetery Advisory Board	No Term
John A. Sherman	2010	Francis Berube	
Charles L. "Buzzy" Blinn, Jr.	2010	Bernadine A. FitzGerald	
Michelle Curran	2012	Daniel Garlington, Highway Sup.	
		Eleanor Peabody	
Budget Committee	Term	Ruth Jenne	
Kristin Lewis Savage, Chairman	2011	Herbert "Topper" Reed	
Martha Sumner, Vice Chairman	2011	James Thornton	
Daniel Hooper, Training Coordinator	2011	Sean Fitzgerald, Town Manager	
Normand Bouchard	2010		
Michele Conte	2012	Conflict of Interest Committee	Term
Patricia Holt	2010	Harry Birmingham, Chairman & V.C.	2011
Joyce Ingerson	2011	Therese Chouinard, Secretary	2012
Benjamin Sadewicz	2012	Ruth Santosuosso	2010
Gayle Hamel	2012	Open	2011
Catherine R. Willis	2012	Open	2012
Neal Morin	2010		
Ronald Hayes	2010	Conservation Commission	Term
John Sherman, Sel. Rep.		B. Jill Senter, Chairman	2012
		Timothy Moore	2011
Cable TV Advisory Committee	Term	Steve Curran	2010
Robert Carolan, Coordinator (<i>Retired</i>)	N/A	David Averill	2011
Daniel Bush	N/A	Charles "Buzzy" Blinn, Sel. Rep.	2010
David Cantone	2011	Michelle Curran, Sel. Rep. Alternate	
Madeline Marcotte (<i>Resigned</i>)	2011		
Michelle Conte	N/A	Deputy Tax Collector	No Term
Daniel Hooper	N/A	Nancy Bolduc	
Normand Bouchard	N/A		
John Deroche	2012	Deputy Town Clerk	No Term
Charles "Buzzy" Blinn, Sel. Rep.	N/A	Joyce Thurston	



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Highway Safety Committee

Stephen C. Savage, Police Chief, Chairman
John McArdle, Fire Chief, Vice Chairman
Sean Fitzgerald, Town Manager
Daniel Garlington, Highway Supervisor
P. Michael Dorman, Building Inspector
Leigh G. Komornick, Town Planner
Daniel Poliquin, Sel. Rep.
Ernie Sheltry, Citizen Rep.
Lisa Withee, Citizen Rep.
T. Richard Latham, Citizen Rep.
Daniel A. Travaglini (*Resigned*)
Sarah Gibbs, Recording Secretary

No Term

Deputy Treasurer

Brenda E. Major

No Term

Family Mediation

Barbara Tavitian
Michelle Curran (*Selectman's Rep.*)
Daniel J. Poliquin (*Resigned*)

Term

2011

N/A

2011

Planning Board

Steven Ranlett, Chairman
Timothy E. Moore, Vice Chairman
Lawrence W. Gil
Peter M. Bealo
Charles Lanza, Alternate
Robert Gray, Sel. Representative
Michelle Curran, Alt. Sel. Rep.

Term

2010

2011

2012

2011

2010

N/A

N/A

Historical Society

Robert Carolan, President
Michael Smith, Vice President
Catherine O'Brien, Recording Secretary
Tami Smith, Corresponding Secretary
Eleanor P. Peabody, Treasurer
Jeanne Smith, Member at Large
Mildred Ilsley, Member at Large

No Term

Public Safety Complex Committee

Stephen C. Savage, Police Chief,
Co-Chairman
John McArdle, Fire Chief, Co-Chairman
Sean Fitzgerald, Town Manager,
Co-Chairman
P. Michael Dorman, Building Inspector
William Scully, Emergency Manage. Dir.
Daniel J. Poliquin, Sel. Rep.
William Query, Citizen Rep.
Sarah Gibbs, Recording Secretary

No Term

Moderator

Barry Sargent

Term

2010

Old Home Day Committee

Tami Smith, Chairman
Charles L. "Buzzy" Blinn, Jr., Sel. Rep.
Wendy Bush, Vice Chair
Daniel Bush
Barry Weymouth
Haley Bush
Mandee Bush
Bruce Wilson
Bill Lohnes, Rep. for the Lions Club

No Term



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Recreation Commission	Term	Treasurer	Term
Gregory D. Mason, Chairman	2010	Bernadine A. FitzGerald	2010
William Coye, Vice Chairman	2012		
Leona Stevens, Secretary	2011	Trustees of the Library	Term
Susan W. Sherman	2011	Jennifer Kiarsis, Chair	2010
Patrick Buckley	2011	Elizabeth George, Secretary	2012
Kristin Lewis Savage	2010	Catherine R. Willis, Treasurer	2012
Ed Aziz	2012	Janet Davies	2011
Wendy Moley, Alternate	2010	Kathleen Vavra	2010
John A. Sherman, Sel. Rep.	N/A		
Daniel Poliquin, Sel. Alt.	N/A	Trustee of the Trust Funds	Term
		B. Jill Senter, Chairman	2012
Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee	Term	Phyllis L. Carifio	2010
Timothy E. Moore	2013	Patricia Macomber	2011
Merilyn Senter, Alternate	2013		
Supervisors of the Voter Checklist	Term	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term
Nancy Jackman, Chairman	2012	Lawrence M. Ordway, Chairman	2010
Martha L. Fowler	2013	Julie Matthews, Vice Chairman	2012
Kathleen A. Giacobbe	2014	Robert Loeffler	2011
		Peter Bealo	2010
Tax Collector	Term	Roderic Cole	2011
Rosemarie L. Bayek	2012	Daniel Lloyd, Alternate	2010
		Paul Boniface, Alternate	2010
Town Clerk	Term		
Maryellen Pelletier	2010		



*Shown Above: Justin Maheny and Caregivers;
Jon Lovett, John Stevens and Tamara Alvino*



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EMPLOYEE(S) SPOTLIGHT

KATHLEEN A. JONES - Plaistow's Deputy Chief of Police

Deputy Chief Kathleen A. Jones has been with the Town of Plaistow Police Department for over 25 years being promoted to Sergeant in 1988, Lieutenant in 1997, and Deputy Chief of Police in 2004. She was also the Department's first full-time Detective and first DARE Officer. In 1996 she received the 17th Annual Tribute to Women Award by the YMCA of Haverhill, MA for her law enforcement accomplishments.

She was singularly responsible for the Department's implementation and installation of laptop computers in all of the patrol vehicles, which she recently completed in 2009. With this great achievement, Officers are now able to complete reports and conduct criminal checks while out on patrol.

During her career with the Town of Plaistow, she has received outstanding performance reviews by the Chief of Police. Her investigative talents relating to sex crimes have brought written accolades from the Rockingham County Prosecutors. Over the years, she has amassed considerable talent at seeing the "big picture" in situations and is noted by her peers and the community members alike as an articulate, persuasive leader. She is respectfully demanding of her subordinates and is known to lead from the front. Her people skills and administrative abilities are unsurpassed. She works very hard at building consensus and displays a strong desire for challenging projects.



**Deputy Chief Kathleen A. Jones
with Governor John Lynch**

BILL SCULLY - Plaistow's Emergency Management Director

A long time resident of Plaistow, Bill has served as an active member of Plaistow's On Call Fire Department beginning in 1971 spanning 39 years of dedicated service, becoming one of the first 4 nationally certified Emergency Medical Technicians for the Town. In this capacity Bill has been pivotal in advancing some of the finest emergency care to Plaistow's residents.

In 1988 Bill was appointed by the Board of Selectmen as Plaistow's Emergency Management Director and has remained in that position since then, transitioning from Civil Defense Operations of the 60's and 80's to Emergency Management All Hazards Planning concepts we currently operate under. We are fortunate to have a dedicated emergency response professional who has admirably supported the difficult responsibilities of emergency management operations and coordination. Bill has played an incredible role in assisting with life saving efforts that have helped Plaistow residents in times of severe life and death distress situations. Such times have included numerous snow and weather related emergencies, the 2007 Mother's Day flood and last year's historic Ice Storm. Through these and other situations, Bill Scully has always been there for Plaistow.



**Bill Scully with Son Dan and
Grandson Colin**

On behalf of the Town, Bill has worked closely with NH Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other government agencies during declared disasters to see that the citizens of Plaistow receive disaster recovery funds, but more importantly to review and modify our response capabilities for 'the next one'. Bill Scully is truly one of the finest examples of public service in Plaistow.



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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

(For House District 8, Senate District 22, Governor's Executive Council District 3)

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US Senator

Jeanne Shaheen
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Website: shaheen.senate.gov

US Congressman

Carol Shea-Porter
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Website: shea-porter.house.gov

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Melissa L.B. Lyons
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The Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire



Beverly A. Hollingworth
Councilor, District Three

REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF PLAISTOW
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE

BY

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR BEVERLY A. HOLLINGWORTH

State House Room 207
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3632

In 2009 the Executive Council had another busy year. New Hampshire's first constitution that was adopted in 1784, states in part, "---The Governor shall have full power and authority to convene the Council from time to time, at his discretion, and, with them, or a majority of them, may and shall, from time to time, hold a council, for ordering and directing the affairs of the state, according to the laws of the land." I attended all 25 scheduled Executive Council meetings as well as the public hearings that the Council conducted, prior to confirmation, of the nominations of judicial appointments, state agency leaders and the State of NH Ten Year Highway Plan.

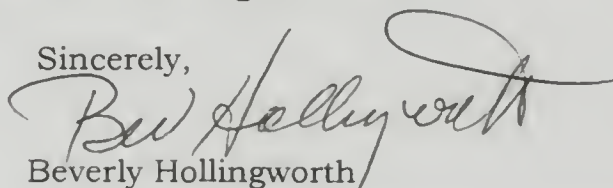
A few of the items of particular interest that were passed at the Governor and Executive Council meetings that are of benefit to Plaistow residents were several items from Health and Human Services to distribute H1N1 flu vaccine, provide family support services for children and adolescents with chronic health conditions, provide services for homeless individuals, continue the oversight on the Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site in Plaistow, and granted a 5 month extension to the lease for Plaistow District Court as well as accept a gift of free rent valued at \$68,677.

From the Governor's website, on the American Recovery and Reinvestment act (ARRA) Stimulus Funds, *"As of October 14, 2009, the federal Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board ("RATB") reports that a total of \$965,468,052 in contracts, grants, loans and entitlement payments have been made available to the State, municipalities, universities, colleges, nonprofits, businesses, and individuals in New Hampshire. As of September 30, 2009, an additional \$19,549,721 has been received by unemployed people in New Hampshire through an additional \$25 per week benefit paid for with ARRA funds. This statistic includes the amount reported above as approved for expenditure by the Governor and Executive Council."*

It has been my pleasure to represent Plaistow, NH and District Three for the last 3 years on the Executive Council. I look forward to another year of working with your community to improve the lives of our citizens. Please contact me any time I can be of assistance at (603) 271-3632.

The Executive Council website is: www.nh.gov/council where you will find our schedules, agendas, reports and other interesting information.

Sincerely,



Beverly Hollingworth



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REPORT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN L. MAJOR **(A Message from Concord)**

I have been honored to have served the Town of Plaistow for the past 14 years as a State Representative. My legislative priorities include constituent services, maintaining a balanced budget for the state, education funding, environmental issues, and improving the climate for NH's small business community. I have been a staunch advocate of "truth in budgeting" as well as encouraging the Legislature to more fully consider the impact of proposed legislation on future generations. Constituent service and responding to the needs of the towns in my district will continue to be my most important priority.

There were 327 legislative bills passed in the 2009 New Hampshire legislative session out of approximately 1000 bills filed. A few of the laws passed will affect the lives of our citizens. Included in the bills passed are:

- authorizing towns and cities to accept any form of electronic payment
- relative to the installation of carbon monoxide detectors
- prohibiting writing a text message while driving
- prohibiting retailers from disclosing private customer information to foreign states in connection with the collection of certain sales and use taxes
- relative to the chartered public school approval process and relative to open enrollment schools
- relative to the law requiring reporting of hospital infections
- establishing a cold case homicide unit
- increasing the contract amount that triggers the bond requirement on public projects

There is legislation to protect the health of our citizens, provide creation of a tax credit to help the economically distressed, provide additional home heating assistance to those most in need, and laws protecting our environment.

The Legislature continues to define and determine the cost of an *adequate education*, and a base cost for every student, with additional sums for special education students and English language learners and those who receive free or reduced lunches. Also provided is funding for alternative pathways to graduation, resulting in significant improvement in the high school completion rate. At the post-secondary level, the Legislature oversaw the transition of the regional community technical colleges to a community college system.

An important issue that directly affects the Town of Plaistow is the continuation of the Plaistow District Court for the next two years. The state was planning to close the court this year. An agreement was worked out with local officials, area police chiefs and local legislators to keep the court operating in Plaistow. Also, the N.H. Division of Economic Development has designated Route 125 and portions of the industrial districts as an Economic Revitalization Zone. This should help revitalize this area and improve our economy. I will continue to work on legislation that will benefit the town of Plaistow.

Many challenges remain as our state faces increasing deficits due to declining revenues and rising costs in an increasingly competitive global economy. Your legislators in Concord will continue their efforts to meet these challenges, protect the NH advantage that we have enjoyed within the region and build on past successes for the benefit of the citizens of NH.



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REPORT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN L. MAJOR (Continued)

This legislative session I will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring a number of bills at the request of town officials, constituents or agency heads:

- HB1203: A bill relative to nonresident registration of motor vehicles;
- HB1204: A bill relative to equipment and inspection exemptions for older vehicles;
- HB1220: A bill relative to meals and rental licenses;
- HB1416: A bill making technical corrections to certain department of revenue administration laws;
- HB1596: A bill relative to civil forfeiture of unlicensed dogs;
- HB1651: A bill requiring that current information and reports relative to the state budget be made available on the state website;
- HB1687: A bill relative to the procedure for filling a vacancy among county officers;
- SB467: A bill establishing job creation incentives under the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax;
- SB473: A bill relative to distribution from limited liability companies, partnerships, and associations (effectively repealing the new LLC tax);
- SB476: A bill clarifying the business profits tax deduction for reasonable compensation.



State Representative Norman Major with Supervisors of the Checklist

I recently completed my ninth year on the House Ways and Means Committee, serving two years as Vice-Chairman, four years as Chairman and presently the ranking republican member. During that time the Committee processed many bills dealing with taxes and fees. I am also serving as a legislative member on the following groups or committees:

- Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation, 2007-present
- National Council of State Legislatures Budget and Revenue Committee, 2002-present– Vice-Chairman, 2006 & 2007
- American Legislative Exchange Council – Telecommunications & Information Technology Task Force; 2000-present
- Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Project
- National Council of State Legislatures Streamlined Sales & Used Tax Committee; 2000-present
- Pre-Engineering Technical Advisory Council; 2007-present
- Great Bay Community College Advisory Committee, 2007-present

New Hampshire has a unique advantage over other states in our region. Our state government is relatively frugal, our business climate is advantageous and our natural beauty and resources are second to no other state. I will continue working to maintain NH's position as one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family in the country.

Respectfully Submitted,
Norman L. Major, State Representative (nlbem@comcast.net)



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TOWN EMPLOYEES 2009

Animal Control

Animal Control Officer

Name

David Sargent

Emergency Management

Director

Assistant

William T. Scully

P. Michael Dorman

Executive Department

Town Manager

BOS Executive Secretary

BOS Secretary and Assistant to the Town Manager

Finance Director

Sean Fitzgerald

Ruth E. Jenne

Audrey J. DeProspero

Lorice Sadewicz

Fire Department

Fire Chief/EMT

Deputy Chief /EMT

Deputy Chief /EMT Paramedic

Captain/EMT

Captain/EMT

Lieutenant/EMT Paramedic

Lieutenant/EMT Intermediate

Lieutenant /EMT Intermediate

Lieutenant /EMT

Officers

John H. McArdle*

Jay Judson, III

Jon Lovett*

Michael Kennedy

Christopher Poliquin

Jay Guzofski (*Resigned*)

Anthony Alvino

Scott Vezina

John Stevens

Firefighters/EMTs

Robert Agneta

Tamara Alvino*

Gary Carbonneau

Steven Carter

Robert Chooljian

Richard Colcord

Christopher Coughlin

John DeFina

Shawn Feeley (*Resigned*)

Morgan Fisher

Richard Fowler

Seth Garon

Bruce Gusler, Sr.

Bruce Gusler, Jr.

Russell Hawkins

Ryan Higgins

Donald Hutchinson

Richard Johnston

Matt Lombardy (*Resigned*)

Paul McKendry

Ernie Morin

Firefighter

Firefighter /EMT Intermediate

Firefighter/EMT

Probationary Firefighter

Firefighter

Firefighter/EMT

Firefighter

Probationary Firefighter

Firefighter/Driver

Probationary Firefighter

Probationary Firefighter

Station Assistant

Firefighter/Driver

Firefighter/Driver

Firefighter/Driver

Firefighter

Firefighter/EMT

Firefighter/Driver

EMT Paramedic

Firefighter/EMT/Driver

Firefighter/EMT



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Fire Department Continued

Firefighter/EMT
Firefighter/Driver
Firefighter (Retired Fire Chief)
Firefighter/Driver
Firefighter/EMT Intermediate
Firefighter/Driver
Firefighter/EMT
Probationary EMT
Probationary Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter/EMT/Driver

Highway Department

Supervisor
Foreman
Laborer
Laborer
Seasonal Laborer

Library

Director
Assistant Director/Head of Youth Services
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff

Maintenance Department

Supervisor
Custodian
Custodian
Custodian

Police Department

Chief
Deputy Chief
Sergeant/Detective
Sergeant
Sergeant

Firefighters/EMTs

Pat Moynihan
George A. Peabody
Donald Petzold
Daniel Poliquin
Jeff Saltalamacchia
David Sargent
William Scully
Brad Simmons
Tyler Simmons (*Resigned*)
Mark Ward (*Resigned*)
John Wood
* - Fulltime Employee

Name

Daniel Garlington
Dana Rabito
Aaron Shea
Andy Jones
Floyd Gates

Name

Laurie Houlihan
LuAnn Blair
Marjorie Knowles
Anita Micale
Florence Rullo
Kelli Lennon
Judy Meunier
Amanda Plant
Noelle Giragosian

Name

David Bowles
Robert Mercier (*Resigned*)
John Arahovites
Matthew Sadewicz

Name

Stephen C. Savage
Kathleen A. Jones
Patrick Caggiano
Scott Anderson
Glenn Miller



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Police Department Continued

Sergeant
Master Patrol Officer/K-9 Handler
Master Patrol Officer
Master Patrol Officer/SRO
Master Patrol Officer
Master Patrol Officer/Detective
Master Patrol Officer
Master Patrol Officer/Part-Time Detective
Master Patrol Officer
Officer
Officer
Officer
Part-Time Officer (*Deployed to Iraq*)
Executive Secretary
Secretary
Records Clerk
Victim Witness Advocate
Matron
Crossing Guard
Interpreter
K-9

Name

Valquerio Eiro, Jr.
Alec Porter
Michael Beauchesne
Joan Marsilia
Brett Morgan
George Wickson
Dorothy McGurren
Nicolas Fiset
Patrick Schiavone
Jason Mazza
Eric Pappalardo
Stephen Lundquist
William Baldwin
Sarah E. Gibbs
Jennifer Page
Wendy Ventura
April Aucoin
Margo Collins
Gilbert Brasil
Miguel Cruz
Kraken

Police Department (Communications)

Communications Supervisor
Communications Specialist
Communications Specialist
Dispatcher
Dispatcher
Part Time Dispatcher

Name

Lucia Theberge
Cherie Chevalier
Joel Albair
Michael Pauk
Steven Leavitt
Christina Cruz

Recreation Department

Director

Summer Director
Asst Director
Asst. Director
Arts & Crafts
Counselor #1
Counselor #2
Counselor #3
Counselor #4
Counselor #5
Counselor #6
Counselor #7
Counselor #8

Name

Carli Malette

Summer Recreation Program

Erin McArdle
Phillip Sadewicz
Jonathan Earnshaw
Maureen McArdle
Lyle Carey
Lance Malette
Moirah Dhaliwal
Tara McLaughlin
Adriene Gori
Tom Paoletta
Michael Withee
Kate Gardella



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Recreation Department Continued

Counselor #9
Counselor #10
Counselor #11
Counselor #12
Sub Counselor
Sub Counselor

Name

Drew Balanoff
Anne Hansbury
Kendralee Murphy
Carissa Malette
Michael Senter
Katelyn Demmons

Town Hall Departments

Assessing Clerk
Building Safety Office Manager
Cable Coordinator
Cemetery Sexton
Chief Building Official
Code Enforcement
Deputy Health Officer
Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Electrical Inspector
Health Officer
Human Services
Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector
Recording Secretary Board of Selectmen
Recording Secretary Budget Committee
Recording Secretary Planning Board
Recording Secretary ZBA
Recreation Director
Town Planner
ZBA Administrative Assistant

Name

Selwa Moured
Dee Voss
Robert Carolan (*Retired*)
Herbert Reed
P. Michael Dorman
P. Michael Dorman
P. Michael Dorman
Nancy Bolduc
Joyce Thurston
Ken Ray
Dennise Horrocks
Vacant
James Flathers
Audrey J. DeProspero
Audrey J. DeProspero
Dee Voss
Dee Voss
Carli Malette
Leigh Komornick
Dee Voss

Water Department

Water Superintendent
Maintenance Part-Time
Maintenance Part-Time
Maintenance/Technician Part-Time
Maintenance Part-Time

Name

John McArdle
Steve Carter
Shawn Feeley (*Resigned*)
Christopher Poliquin
Scott Sullivan



*Selectmen's Secretary Ruth
Jenne "At Her Post"!*



*Administrative Assistant
Audrey DeProspero*



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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Calendar year 2009 marked a year that saw the state and local economy continue in a deep recession. The fiscal challenges have greatly affected local revenues and have required significant changes to how Plaistow Town Government operates.

In response to the economic down turn, the Board took a number of immediate steps to balance the town budget. Working with the Town Manager and Town Staff, significant reductions were made to the proposed 2009 budget to help offset declining revenues. Town Staff continued to implement a conservative approach to budgeting that has helped to bring the 2009 expenses under what was budgeted. As we look to 2010, Town Staff have again made efforts to reduce budget requests to ensure that the Town budget continues to be lean, but manageable.



Additionally, this year saw steady forward progress on a number of projects in town. There were many events and initiatives that have helped to keep the steady progress of the Town underway. Some of these included:

SAVING PLAISTOW COURTHOUSE FROM CLOSURE

The Board was actively involved with the effort to save the Plaistow Courthouse. In January, the Town was informed that the 2009 State Budget included language to close the Plaistow District Courthouse.

Several meetings were coordinated at the Statehouse that involved members of the Plaistow Board of Selectmen. One meeting was held in Governor Lynch's conference room, and another meeting included Representative Norm Major, Senator Michael Downing, Senator Jack Barnes, and Senator Margaret Hassen. Also present during this discussion were Atty. Howard J. Zibel, General Counsel of the New Hampshire Supreme Court and Judge Edwin W. Kelly, the Administrative Judge of the District Court. Local Police Chiefs, including Chief Joe Beaudoin of Hampstead, Chief Steve Savage of Plaistow and Lt. William Baldwin of Atkinson all expressed concern that the increased travel distance to Exeter or Salem would mean police would spend more time driving to and from court. They stressed that this would not only impose extraordinary costs to already stressed municipal budgets, but would also ensure that local police would have less of a presence in their communities. In addition, many expressed concerns about the costs for extra fuel and extra officers to fill in for the ones traveling to court.



Selectmen Poliquin, Selectmen Curran & Selectmen Blinn attend a meeting to save the Plaistow Courthouse with State Senators at the Statehouse

Plaistow Selectmen made arguments outlining how simply closing the Plaistow District Court because of its proximity to Salem or Exeter would not only be more costly to local governments, but it would also fail to consider many other factors that would better define the broader value of community courts. Everyone expressed their Town's strong desire to keep the Courthouse open. The Board of Selectmen offered to defer the rent the state pays the Town for the next two years.



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While there was much back and forth regarding the fiscal challenges facing the state of New Hampshire, Senator Hassen, the Senate's Majority Leader, stated that she was extremely surprised and pleased to hear Plaistow's offer. It was hoped that this act of "good faith" assistance would demonstrate the importance of the Plaistow Court to Plaistow and help offset the budget challenges faced by the courts. Senator Hassen stated that she felt that this type of intergovernmental cooperation would be very well received by her colleagues in the Senate. In the end, the NH Senate and House voted to keep the Plaistow District Courthouse open for the next two years.

CONGRESSWOMAN CAROL SHEA-PORTER

Congresswoman Shea-Porter made a visit to Plaistow Town Hall on Saturday, March 7th, to discuss many of the federal programs that affect Plaistow. Town Staff had an opportunity to meet with Congresswoman Shea-Porter, and her staff, to discuss issues we are facing in the Town of Plaistow. Additionally, the Congresswoman reported on a number of current issues being discussed in Washington, as well as the benefits to New Hampshire from the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

ARBOR DAY

On Friday, April 24th, the Town celebrated its first annual Arbor Day celebration by planting two trees in Pollard Park to replace the two trees that came down as a result of the ice storm. Plaistow Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and members of the community, joined in tossing some dirt around as we planted a beautiful Chestnut and Maple tree.



*Plaistow Board of Selectmen and the Boy Scouts
Plant a Tree for Earth Day*

TOWN HALL OPEN HOUSE MAY 17TH 2009

On Sunday, May 17th, the Town celebrated over \$575,000 in improvements to Town Hall that included the renovation of all major building systems for this historic property. The event featured music from the Timberlane Players, and Selectman Curran presented a "Pride in Plaistow" citation to Donald Sargent, who generously gave the Town over \$65,000 in donations for the improvements. The Town's people now have a fully functional Town Hall that can meet the needs of the growing population for an additional 25 years. As a result of the Town Hall renovation, the staff and public now benefit from professional workspaces that are both visually appealing and productively organized. (Donald Sargent has also recently donated an additional \$20,000 to help refurbish the clock in the tower.)

ROCKINGHAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Town has taken a stronger role in leading the economic revitalization of the region. In early August, the Board of Selectmen met with Laurel Bistany, Executive Director of the Rockingham Economic Development Commission (REDC) to discuss various financial assistance programs that may be available to Plaistow for traffic mitigation, infrastructure improvements, and Brownfield's identification and mitigation. The REDC has offered millions of dollars in grants to cities and towns in Rockingham County. As Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, I joined the Board of Directors for the Economic Development Commission in 2009 to ensure Plaistow has a stronger voice on this important Board.



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ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ZONE (ERZ)

On Friday, November 6th, the Board of Selectmen held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the newly designated Economic Revitalization Zone. The Board welcomed Governor Lynch, State Representative Norm Major, Senator Michael Downing, Representative John Flanders, Roy Duddy, Director of the Division of Economic Development, Cliff Sinnott of Rockingham Planning, Dennis DiZoglio of Merrimack Valley Planning, Jim Jajuga of the Haverhill Chamber and other state and local officials.



***Governor Lynch & Plaistow Officials at
Plaistow Town Hall***

ERZ's were established by the State of New Hampshire Division of Economic Development to expand the commercial and industrial base, create new jobs, reduce sprawl, and increase tax revenues within the state by encouraging economic revitalization in designated areas. 2010 will bring additional assistance and efforts to help ensure Plaistow's strong place as an economic leader for Southern New Hampshire.

GARDEN ROAD BRIDGE

Early in the year, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Town took the initiative to explore eligibility to have a significant portion of the design and construction costs for the Garden Road Bridge funded through the ARRA funds received by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

As part of the ARRA grant, the Town was required to have a Special Town Meeting on November 17th. This meeting was carried out in the "good old fashioned Town Meeting way." Instead of holding both a deliberative session followed by the vote, the action can be completed all in one meeting. This project is moving forward at a great pace.

9/11 MEMORIAL

Town employees gathered on Pollard Park to commemorate the 8th anniversary of 9/11 on Friday, September 11th. Town officials held a small, brief, ceremony to honor and memorialize all who died during the 9/11 attacks. There were Honor Guards from Plaistow's Police and Fire Departments along with members of the family of Carol Flyzik, a Plaistow resident who perished in the attacks. As a town we must never forget what this day means to our nation and to the Town of Plaistow.



***Town Staff Commemorated
September 11th***



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MARRIAGE AT TOWN HALL

On Thursday, August 27th, former Plaistow Fire Chief Don Petzold and Donna Perry were united in matrimony in a ceremony held at Town Hall. After a 40 year courtship, Don was hit by the arrow and formally proposed to Donna in Town Hall. Dee Voss, Assistant to the Building Inspector, performed the duties of Justice of the Peace, in a brief ceremony held in the Town Manager's office. Fire Chief McArdle, Finance Director Lori Sadewicz and Tax Collector Rose Bayek were also present for the nuptials. The couple plans on continuing their 40 year honeymoon in Plaistow, NH.



*Retired Fire Chief Don Petzold
Marries Donna Perry at
Plaistow Town Hall*

MAIN STREET STUDY

The Town continues to work with the Rockingham Planning commission (RPC). A strategic study was commissioned to help better define traffic safety and transportation along Rt. 121A/Main Street, in 2009.

This project will perform a study of traffic patterns on Main Street in Plaistow from Haseltine Avenue, in the south, to the northern connection with NH 125.



*Main Street Looking North at the
Plaistow Town Hall*

Main Street hosts Plaistow's historic town center, and its 2.7 miles are lined with residences, businesses, and civic uses. The roadway provides a parallel route to NH 125 that bypasses many of the traffic signals and congestion, making it a popular alternative to drivers. The result is more through traffic and higher speeds on Main Street, as well as significant levels of truck traffic. The goal of this project is to develop a plan of improvements for Main Street, to reduce the impact of traffic and to positively contribute to the design of Plaistow's historic Town Center.

TOWN MANAGER SEAN FITZGERALD

I must say a few words about our Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald, who has been with us now for 14 months. Sean came to us at a time when Plaistow needed some "outside of the box" and forward thinking. He has worked very hard with Town Staff to keep budgets in line, redirect work from contracted to existing town personnel, negotiate and meet the terms of an EPA Administrative Order, and move the cable studio from rented space to the Town Hall. These are just a few things that Sean has accomplished, all with an attitude and passion that I would not expect to see from someone other than a long time resident of Plaistow.

The Board of Selectmen's on-going commitment to our residents is to provide a safe, well-managed community, while providing quality services at a reasonable cost. With the strong leadership and support of the Town's other elected officials, we will continue to build on the highlights and accomplishments of 2009, and create an even brighter future for Plaistow in 2010.



*Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald
With Son, Myles Howard*



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In closing, many thanks to the Town's partners from all levels of government, chambers of commerce, civic groups, the Town's churches and faith based organizations, and all those who have come together to move Plaistow forward in 2009. We especially thank the citizens of Plaistow who support our efforts and allow us to keep Plaistow a great place to live and work. As we look to 2010, there will likely be additional challenges ahead, but there will also be extraordinary opportunities that will help shape the very best that Plaistow has to offer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Poliquin, Chairman, Plaistow Board of Selectmen



Governor John Lynch, Plaistow Selectmen and State Representative Norm Major at the Ribbon Cutting for the Newly Designated Economic Revitalization Zone



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EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (PRIOR DECADES)

Excerpts from 1999

On the Cover: A copy of the Plaistow Town Charter.

Article P-6. “ ... Shall the town vote to establish two (2) full time firefighter/EMT positions and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to fund the positions for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2000; said sum represents the cost of wages, associated roll up costs such as social security, retirement, and insurance as well as other related expenses for the positions for approximately six months. The approximate starting hourly rate is being proposed at \$15.00 for each position. If approved, the cost of the new firefighters would be proposed for 12-month funding periods entirely within the operating budget for the ensuing calendar fiscal years starting in FY 2011. (Recommended by the Budget Committee) ...”

Article P-8. “ ... Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for costs associated with the installation of a donated emergency generator at the town hall. ... ”

Raised by the Town of Plaistow	\$ 6,295
State of NH OEM Grant	\$ 3,705
Total Cost	\$ 10,000
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)	
(Recommended by the CIP Committee)	

Article P-9. “ ... Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$14,540 for energy heating conservation improvements to the fire department apparatus bay at the public safety complex and to the highway department garage.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) ... ”

Article P-22. “ ... Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 41:11-a to enter into a Lease Agreement for space on the Water Tower Site with telecommunication companies for the installation of telecommunication equipment for a period of more than one year on terms which are in the best interest of the Town. ... ”

Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1999 =	\$ 1,071,215.50
From the Town Clerk's Report	
Dog Licenses Issued:	\$ 6,184.00 TOTAL
Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ 508,399,457.00
War Service Credits	\$ 46,300.00

Statement of Bonded Debt:

LONG TERM NOTES	Terms	Remaining Principal	Remaining Interest
Fitzgerald Public Safety Complex	15 years @ 8.07	150,000.00	19,285.00
Public Library (starting 2000)	10 years @ 4.474	1,900,000.00	477,736.17

Statement of Debt: Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) \$0.00; Interest on TAN \$0.00
Payments on Long Term Notes \$75,000.00; Interest on Long Term Notes \$12,944.36



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EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)

From the Report of Board of Selectmen: “ ... And now as we enter a new millennium, we look ahead. We are working with the District Court Committee to relocate the Court from Town Hall. The Recreation Department is working hard with the P.A.R.C. to give our children the play areas they so deserve. Success can be reached for all through hard, honest work to better an already great place to live. ... ”

From the Report of the Town Manager: “ ... Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 marked the second straight year that the Town did not have to borrow funds in anticipation of taxes (TANs) in order to keep operating. This further underscores our continued good health in terms of financial growth. We were able to save \$30,000 (TAN budgeted funds) in FY 1999 through our ability to pay as we go without the need for borrowing. These savings will be placed in the general fund and used in FY 2000 as revenue to help decrease the town tax rate, or help offset any increase in the town tax rate. Other savings can be found throughout the budget such as the town’s general legal account where I have worked closely with the Board and Departments to better utilize our joint experience and knowledge as well as to fully implement services such as the New Hampshire Municipal Association Legal Staff with legal queries to minimize town attorney costs. ... You will see a slight change in the presentation of each warrant article for FY 2000. The Board of Selectmen has inserted a short explanation under each article entitled “intent”. It was our hope that the sentence or two would provide more information to voters who had not been able to follow the budget meetings and hearing. The information is intended to give some limited insight into the budget review of these issues and is intended to be informational in nature and not biased for or against the issue being presented to the voters. ... ”

From the Report of the Water Department: “ ... The twelve (12) inch water line has been installed to replace the eight (8) inch lines from Main Street to the process line. We also put a twelve (12) inch tee in the line allowing us to use the process pump house in the event the main line fails. ... The water tower has been drained and is off line. There is a possibility that the water tower may be used for Cellular Communications in the future. ... ”

From the Report of the Fire Department: “ ... Since 1990, the call volume has escalated from 499 to a record high of 754 in 10999, for an average of 25 additional calls per year. The largest jump occurred between 1998 and 1999 when we saw an increase from 657 to 754. What has caused concern among the members of the Board, aside from the latest major increase, is the number of day time calls received. In 1999, 288 alarms (38%) were received between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Additionally, we continue to experience multiple, simultaneous calls that have pushed our limited resources to the extreme limit of being able to provide an efficient and safe response to the community’s needs. ... ”

From the Report of the Police Department: “ ... Our Communications Center, ... handled 17,606 calls for service during 1999, a 13% increase over 1998. ... ”

Respectfully Submitted,
Citizens of Plaistow, 1999



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EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)

Excerpts from 1989

On the Cover: A sketch of the Plaistow Town Hall and Elm tree.

Article 3. “ ... Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, IV for an optional property tax exemption on residential property for a service-connected total disability? The optional disability exemption is \$1,400. rather than \$700. ... ”

Article 4. “ ... Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 V and VI for an optional veterans exemption and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking exemption? The optional veterans exemption is \$100 rather than \$50. (by petition of Marilyn P. Senter and others) ... ”

Article 38. “ ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$216,000.) for the construction of a fire suppression water line as a component of the bridge construction on Rte. 125, and said sum to be in addition to any federal, state, or private funds made available therefor, and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Dollars (\$172,000.) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Town officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) from the Waterline Extension Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. (Recommended by the Budget Committee) ... ”

Article 60. “ ... We the Citizens of Plaistow, New Hampshire, Resolve to support the expansion of the passenger, commuter rail service into New Hampshire for the purpose of relieving the automobile congestion on our highways. Further, we authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to represent Plaistow at meetings planned to work toward this goal. ... ”

Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1989 = \$673,181.00

From the Town Clerk's Report		Dog Licenses Issued:	
Dog Licenses Issued	786	\$	3,386.25
Lost Tags (replaced)	7	\$	1.75
Penalties	250	\$	901.00
Group Dog Licenses	2	\$	50.00
		\$	4,339.00 TOTAL

Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions	\$	528,381,720.00
War Service Credits	\$	23,950.00

Statement of Bonded Debt:

	Terms	Remaining Principal	Remaining Interest
LONG TERM NOTES			
Fitzgerald Public Safety Complex	15 years @ 8.078	30,000.00	412,214.15
Landfill Closure Construction	10 years @ 7.029	675,000.00	215,981.25



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Statement of Debt: Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) \$1,4000,000.00; Interest - TAN \$150,000.00
Payments on Long Term Notes \$155,000.00; Interest on Long Term Notes \$120,824.00.

From the Report of Board of Selectmen: “ ... Many issues were pushed to the forefront during 1989: the lack of affordable housing; the recent reassessment of all properties and its aftermath; the organizing of a police union; selecting another Parks and Recreation Director; expanding the full time police dispatch unit to include the fire department calls; solid waste disposal problems and compliance with the applicable state laws; litigation with Atlas Trucking; planning for eventual relocation of the district court; escalating costs for many vendor services; state-replacement of the railroad overpass on 125; and continuing road/drainage problems. ... ”

From the Report of the Town Manager: “ ... The Town’s contract for refuse collection, transportation and disposal expires in February, 1990. Recognizing the national reality of rapidly escalating costs for these services and the environmental issues confronting all of us, we have insisted during our negotiations with prospective vendors that our subsequent contract include a recycling component. We submitted an application during the initial round of the Governor’s Recycling Initiative grant program for state matching funds for the implementation of recycling, and were pleased to be one of only 23 applications to be accepted. Once implemented in the spring, we will reap the dual benefits of cost avoidance and contributing to the protection and preservation of our natural resources. It is our goal to expand the varieties of materials we recycle as time passes. ... ”

From the Report of the Fire Department: “ ... Total Calls 535- Auto accidents 98, Rescue Calls 152, Rescue Squad Only Calls 104, Bomb Threats 2, Chimney Fires 4, Dumpsters 5, Fire Alarm Activations 50, Furnace Problems 6, Gas Leaks 7, Illegal Burning 6, Investigations 17, Mutual Aid 23, Others 24, Snowmobile 1, Structures 12, Vehicles 12, Silo 3 ... ”

From the Report of the Tree Warden: “ ... In October, I had an amusing call for trees in the roadway. When I arrived at Davis Park, I found the beavers that live in the fire pond behind the Historical Museum, had tipped over three aspens into the road. During the night, the beavers removed some of the top branches and dragged them back into the pond. I cut up the rest of the mess and put it near the water. When I returned the next day, the beavers had cleaned up the rest of their free lunch. ... ”

From the Report of the Police Department: “ ... During 1989, our Calls for Service increased 6% over the preceding year. Our Uniform Crime Report (UCR) for 1989 shows that our Burglary category rose 13%, Thefts rose 16% and Auto Thefts jumped 19%. ... Adult arrests rose 10% with the Juvenile arrest rate rising 25%. We believe that the UCR category percentage increases are due to the prominence of cocaine and a faltering economy. Disturbance calls rose 7% in 1989 on top of a shocking 92% increase in 1988. ... ”

Respectfully Submitted,
Citizens of Plaistow, 1989



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EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)

Excerpts from 1979

On the Cover: A sketch of a farm with barn and silo.

Article 11. “ ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the architect's fees for designs for the renovation of the Lagasse building site. (Recommended by the Budget Committee) ... ”

Article 26. “ ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$8,895.00) for the purpose of conducting a Summer Recreation Program for all the Children of Plaistow in grades one through eight. Also to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply, accept and spend any state funds, federal funds and registration fees for the purpose of purchasing recreational materials and services for the Town of Plaistow. (Recommended by the Budget Committee) ... ”

Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1978 = \$156,908.00

From the Town Clerk's Report Dog Licenses Issued:

Neutered Dogs	355	\$1,229.60
Male Dogs	262	\$1,519.00
Female Dogs	80	\$ 499.55
Penalties	189	\$ 275.00
Lost Tags (replaced)	1	\$.25
Kennel License @ 12	3	\$ 36.00
Kennel License	1	\$ 25.00
		\$3,584.40 TOTAL

Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions	\$50,477,797.00
War Service Tax Credits	\$29,950.00

Statement of Bonded Debt:

LONG TERM NOTES	Terms	Remaining Principal
Water Line	10 years @ 6.5%	3,000.00
Highway	5 years @ 5.15%	25,000.00
Water Extension	10 years @ 4.5%	35,000.00
Library	5 years @ 5.8%	20,000.00

Statement of Debt: Temporary Loan \$1,4000,000.00; Interest on Temporary Loans \$53,896.03
Payments on Long Term Notes \$31,000.00; Interest on Long Term Notes \$5,886.76.

From the Report of Board of Selectmen: “ ... The three year federally funded project for extending fire protection water lines, constructing a pump house and reservoir is finally completed. This new public utility vastly improves water protection in the center of town, allows for reduction of insurance premiums for those living within 600 feet of a fire hydrant, and makes areas of town more attractive for the location of business



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and industry. ...The driveway in front of the building (Town Hall) and septic system were both improved during the year.

Pedestrian and vehicle safety were also addressed by the board this year. New caution lights have been installed on Main Street near the Town Hall hopefully making safer the crossing of children going from School to the Library. ...Planning for the use of the Legasse Building site has continued during the year through the efforts of the Long and Short Range Planning Committee. Current thinking would have the site serve as the location for a public safety complex housing the Police and Fire Departments. Discussions are continuing with federal authorities for money. ... ”

From the Report of the Fire Department: “ ... A record of 231 alarms were answered during the past year. A majority of these were not serious in nature although 28 alarms did involve residences or business structures. Structural fires resulted in two with total loss, six with extensive damage and the remainder with minor or no appreciable damage.

The Rescue Squad, under the direction of Deputy Chief, Don Petzold, was involved in 104 of our alarms. These included 41 house calls, 23 calls to local business establishments and 5 calls of a miscellaneous nature including a boy caught high up in a tree who could not get down. ... ”

From the Report of the Highway Department: During 1980 the Highway Department will be undertaking several ambitious projects. These include oiling approximately 10 miles of road, extensive drainage projects, and another portion of Greenough Road will be reconstructed. ... ”

From the Report of the Tree Warden: “ ... There were eighteen new trees planted along town roads and the common. Trees included a combination of Norway Maple, Sugar Maple, Crimson King and Mountain Ash. ... With the co-operation of the Conservation Commission and the approval of the Board of Selectmen the planting appropriation has been doubled for 1980. Also, a massive tree planting program was suggested for the upcoming year and the possibility is presently being discussed. ... In summary, 1979 introduced some new directions for the town to investigate in its effort to improve the environment through tree maintenance as well as continuing its concern for tree care and public safety. ... ”

From the Report of the Police Department: “ ... Continued growth on Route 125, from the state line to the Kingston town line, is the single largest problem the department faces daily. The anticipated construction of new businesses and shopping centers will compound these problems.

This area should be patrolled by a cruiser continuously during business hours and should have more spot patrols during off-hours. Many times a cruiser is called to the area and is tied up for long time periods – leaving other sections uncovered. Often the cruiser is called back repeatedly to Route 125 for traffic control, fire lane blockage, medical problems, accidents or complaints. During busy hours, I attempt to use a part-time officer in the second cruiser to cover other parts of town. This is becoming increasingly difficult because part-time men have other job commitments and are not always available. ... ”

Respectfully Submitted,
Citizens of Plaistow, 1979



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Excerpts from 1969

On the Cover: A sketch of the Plaistow Town Hall.

Article 9. “ ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to start construction of a sidewalk on Greenough Road from Danville Road towards the Timberlane School. The length of this sidewalk will be determined by the cost per yard at the time of construction. (Recommended by the Budget Committee) ... ”

Article 14. “ ... To see if the Town will vote to have the list of all taxable properties, including land, buildings and stock-in-trade and their 1970 assessed valuations included in the 1970 Town Report and to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) to cover the increased cost and preparing and printing the Town Report incurred by this article. (BY PETITION) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) ... ”

Article 17. “ ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred seventy-eight dollars and thirteen cents (\$978.13) to cover the excess expenses in connection with construction of the Water Tower. (Recommended by the Budget Committee) ... ”

Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1968 = \$55,510.67

From the Town Clerk's Report

		Dog Licenses Issued:	
Male & Neuter Dogs	260	@ \$ 2.00	\$520.00
Female	20	@ \$ 5.00	\$100.00
Fees, Delayed	3	@ \$ 1.00	\$ 3.00
Lost Tags (replaced)	6	@ \$ 0.25	\$ 1.50
Kennel License	1	@ \$12.00	\$ 12.00
		\$636.50 TOTAL	

Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions	\$13,980,064.00
War Service Credits	\$22,400.00

Statement of Debt: Temporary Loan \$650,000.00; Interest on Temporary Loans \$15,566.59.
Payments on Bonds (Water Tower) \$7,000.00; Interest on bonded debt \$2,320.48.

From the Report of Board of Selectmen: “ ... We can now announce that the Town has received the \$35,000.00 from the Economic Development Administration in two payments of \$31,500.00 and \$3,500.00 which reduces the cost of the Water Tower to the Town by \$35,000.00. This could be used to reduce the tax rate in 1970. ... The Water Line to Main Street has been completed and is now available for fire protection in the Main Street area. This could reduce insurance costs in that area. ... We cannot be optimistic in residential growth but there are indications that we could have substantial growth in our industrial and commercial developments. We are already realizing growth in the Westville area and in this direction, the Town voted to extend the Water Line from the Tower by voting a \$60,000.00 bond issue. This water line extension is for fire protection but also could be part of a future water system to provide water to homes in this area. ... The continued increase in industrial development in our Town can only help to make it a better place to live at a price that taxpayers can afford. ... ”



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From the Report of the Fire Department: “ ... The total number of fires this year was seventy-six. Fifteen of these were buildings or within buildings. ... There were sixteen automobile, truck and bulldozer fires. ... Grass, incinerators and outdoor burning accounted for thirty-three fires. The department was called to the dump five times. ... Through mutual aid we were called to Newton three times. Newton and Atkinson were called once to assist us. ... There were also alarms for lost children, to flush down roads from gasoline after automobile accidents and other emergencies. ... We have changed during the past thirty years from a complete volunteer department to the present call department with the firemen being selected by the Board of Engineers. The men receive \$2.00 for the first call and a portion of any hour thereafter. ... ”

From the Report of the Road Agent: “ ... This winter was one of the worst winters we have seen in a good many years. The month of February was the worst month in weather history; we had a total of 80 inches of snow. We worked all hours of the day and night to keep your roads open. ... ”

From the Report of the Tree Warden: “ ... This year the State of New Hampshire removed several dead trees from North Main Street, Main Street and Kingston Road. ... We hope to continue the tree planting process so that we may continue to have a “green” Plaistow. ... ”

From the Report of the Planning Board: “ ... The Town of Plaistow having grown quite rapidly in the last few years in population and home building, also in commercial and industrial enterprises will continue to do so because of its proximity to Route #495 in Massachusetts and also being located on a main line railroad. ... ”

From the Report of the Plaistow Board of Health: “ ... The Board has been busy this year with reporting cases of contagious diseases, as many as seventeen (17) being called I one day. As required by law, it is our duty to notify the State Board of Health relative to each case so reported. This list is as follows: Infectious Hepatitis 1; Chicken Pox 85; Scarlet Fever 22; German Measles 10; Mumps 35; Cat Bites 2; Rat Bites 1; Dog Bites 9. ... Three (3) premature births were reported to the State District Nurse. ... ”

From the Report of the Police Department: “ ... Abandoned Cars 12, Motor Vehicle Accidents 92, Accidents in Parking Lots 28, Assault 6, Assault and Battery 12, Attempted Breaks 24, Breaking and Entering 12, Breaking and Entering and Larceny 29, Bicycle Registrations 182, Burglar Alarms 72, Drunks 20, Domestic 110, Emergencies 157, Horses on Highways 36, Illegal Possession of Alcohol 5, Illegal Possession of Drugs 1, Illegal Parking 18 Juvenile 109, Larceny 29, Lost- Missing- Runaways and Stranded Persons 26, Lost Property 11, Miscellaneous 342, Peddlers 5, Prowlers 11, Property Damage (Vandalism) 45, Property Stolen 48, Robbery 1, Snowmobiles 14, Stolen Cars 14, Attempted Suicide 1. ... ”

Respectfully Submitted,
Citizens of Plaistow, 1969



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EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS (Continued)

Excerpts from 1959

Cover: Drawing of a gate with the caption "Town of Plaistow- Gateway to Scenic New Hampshire". (SCENIC used to be on New Hampshire License Plates- before Live Free or Die.)

Article 4. " ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,337.52 to take care of over expenditure on Bridge on Westville Road. ... "

Article 8. " ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for the control of Dutch Elm Disease. ... "

Article 11. " ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900 to be transferred to the War Memorial Committee in further development of the Recreation Area at the rear of the Pollard School. ... "

Article 15. " ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the use of the Industrial Commission in carrying out the purpose of that commission. ... "

Article 16. " ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to continue the sidewalk construction program. ... "

Article 23. " ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450 to modernize town tax records and bookkeeping methods. ... "

Actual Revenues from Motor Vehicle Permits for 1959 = \$17,821.63

From the Town Clerk's Report

		Licenses Issued:	
Male & Neuter Dogs	223	@ \$ 2.00	\$446.00
Female	27	@ \$ 5.00	\$135.00
Fees, Delayed	45	@ \$ 0.50	\$ 22.50
Kennel License	1	@ \$12.00	\$ 12.00

\$615.50 TOTAL

Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions	\$4,669,135.00
Soldiers' Exemptions	\$253,625.00
Number of Veterans Who Received Property Exemptions	255

Some other expenditures: Ruth E. Jenne- Trip to Exeter \$3.00; Leroy S. Dube- Trip to Concord \$9.00; Kenneth Stackpole- Tune, Adj & Clean Piano \$17.00; Pay Nite Supper- \$55.00

Misc Revenue: B&M Railroad Reimb Fire Fighting \$371.86

Misc Budgets: Legal \$500, Tree Conservation \$750, Dutch Elm Disease Control \$250

Statement of Debt: Payment of Temporary Loans \$140,000.00, Interest Temp Loans \$1,218.33



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From the Report of the Board of Selectmen: “ ... The Westville Road Bridge was completed. The State of New Hampshire estimate for construction was \$8,000.00. Our share to be \$4,800.00 and the State Bridge Aid to furnish \$3,200.00. This amount was exceeded because continued high water and we are obliged to pay an addition \$2,337.52. ... Construction of one new street, May Ray Avenue, was possible through Town Road Aid program. ... With the continued efforts of all Town and School District departments we feel optimistic about the future. ... ”

From the Report of the Road Agent: “ ... The summer maintenance for 1959 was spent mostly in patching, putting up guard rails, and tarring the following roads: Pollard Road, Wentworth Avenue, Old County Road, Old Road, Jesse George Road, West Pine Street, Westville Road, Morton Avenue, Kimball Avenue, Maple Avenue, Witch Lane, Cifre Lane, Evans Avenue, Whiton Avenue, Davis Park, Duston Avenue, Stanwood Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Kelleher Avenue, the road by Caillouette's Store, side of Main Street from the Railroad track to Al's Variety Store was tarred two coats. Center Circle, Ingall's Terrace and Pine View Avenue were gravel roads which needed two coats of tar. I took advantage of the fact that tar was cheap this year so I tarred as many roads as possible. ... ”

From the Report of the Fire Department: “ ... Our most threatening fires took place on May 8, when nine fires were set along the B. & M. right of way by a train. A distance of over two miles was burning at one time. At the height of the fire we had the assistance of nine outside departments, which prevented a possible conflagration. ... During the year we have answered a total of seventy alarms. In this number were two out-of-town calls; eleven buildings; eight autos and trucks; twenty-six grass and brush; two oil burners; two chimney; dump eight; and the rest were emergencies. ... ”

From the Report of the Board of Health: “ ... It has been the duty of your Board of Health to report to the State Board of Health the following contagious diseases; Dog Bite 8; Chicken Pox 7; Measles 22; German Measles 2; Mumps 2; Scarlet Fever 2.... It has become necessary to make reports to the Dept. of Public Welfare of the State concerning the birth of three premature babies, who had to remain in the hospital until their weights became normal (5 lbs.). ... ”

From the Report of the Tree Warden: “ ... The Town bought 12 Norway Maples which have been planted at various places in town. ... ”

From the Report of the Police Department: “ ... Assault and Battery 10, Assault 9, Abandoned Cars 14, Accidents Reported and Investigated – all types 54, Accidents Causing Injuries – all types 33, Breaking and Entering Attempts 5, Breaking and Entering and Larceny 18, Criminal Investigations – all types 102, Defacing Property 30. Domestic 44, Dumping Rubbish on Property 5, Emergencies 36, Investigations of Missing and Runaway Persons 30, Reports of Larceny 37, Misc Complaints and Investigations 107, Misc Complaints on Dogs 79, Reports of Peddlers Annoying Townspeople 23, Prowlers and Vagrants 3, Unattended Deaths 1, Willful Neglect 6, Motor Vehicle Violations 44, Warnings to Motorists 114, Parking Tickets 62. ... ”

Respectfully Submitted,
Citizens of Plaistow, 1959



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REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

It is both a pleasure and honor to submit my 2009 Town Report. As I enter my second year as Plaistow's Town Manager, I continue to be *energized* by this job. I am energized by the amazing potential that Plaistow has to meet its civic potential. I am also inspired by the hundreds of amazing people in this community who pour their heart and soul into making Plaistow work—this is the real PRIDE OF PLAISTOW that defines not just the 2009 Town Report theme—but the very fabric of the community.

Across the State of New Hampshire and here in Plaistow, this past year was not an easy one, but I have been heartened and inspired by the way this Town's officials

have pulled together to forge ahead and accomplish so much in the way of consolidating services, improving services and ensuring the progress of Plaistow. Plaistow holds a tremendous potential, but it is citizens who step up and get involved that help improve the quality of life for all. I am always so encouraged by the individuals working—both inside and outside—of Town Hall—by volunteers who I meet—as well as those who come to see me in my office. I am also encouraged by the involvement of residents who—may at times be advocating different viewpoints—but always mindful that a strong dialogue can truly help Plaistow meet its highest and broadest civic potential.



While it has been a busy first year on the job, I hope you will find within this report many accounts of the hard work and efforts that define the achievements of Plaistow's Departments, Boards, and Committees. Whether it is protecting Plaistow's watersheds to ensure safe drinking water, managing the demands of public safety or emergency management, trash and recycling pick-up, snow plowing and pavement, community planning, code enforcement, or recreation—there have been a wide range of services residents counted on and relied upon in 2009. These efforts were supported by hundreds of local officials serving on Plaistow's various Boards and Committees along with the Town's public employees who worked hard in 2009 to make your hometown one in which you can all be proud to call home.

BUDGETARY CHALLENGES

The recession caused us to make hard choices in 2009. Like all communities, Plaistow has initiated a number of efforts to reduce cost of Town Government on taxpayers. Given the economic reality, we've had to choose to delay projects, hold vacant positions open, and cut spending to avoid raising your taxes. Fortunately, Town Staff found a number of ways to cut back that minimize the impacts on our residents.





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REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER (Continued)

These budget reduction efforts and fiscally conservative management practices have also been reflected in the preparation of the 2010 Town Budget. With significant reductions in State Revenues, Plaistow's Department Heads have all worked hard to ensure that their 2009 budget expenditures were all under the budgeted allocations. I am very pleased to report that during these difficult times—Plaistow's Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee have proposed a budget that is **\$84,455 less** than the approved 2009 Town Budget.

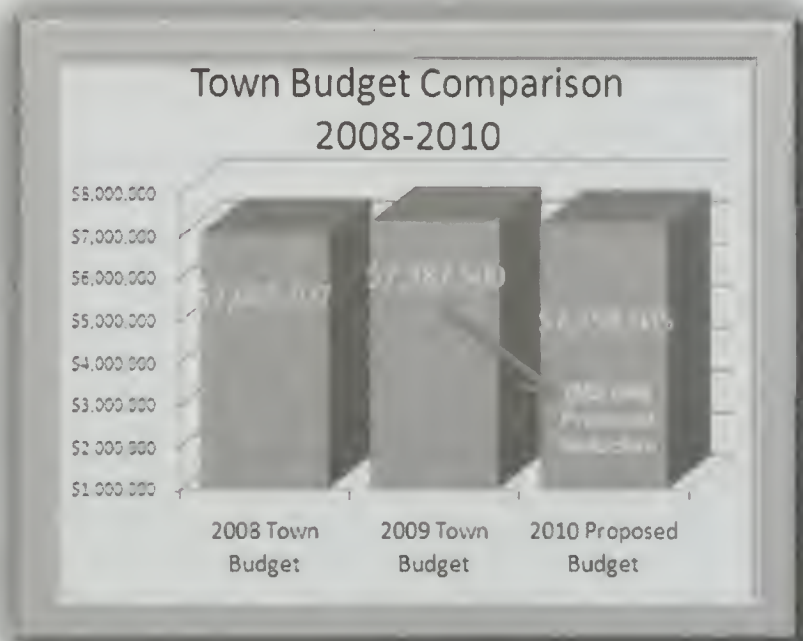
Additionally, despite being in the depths of a recession, Plaistow's long range planning and responsible fiscal management have allowed the Town to remain financially secure and become more efficient in operations as we seek to minimize the impact that these challenging times are having on taxpayers.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

While 2009 was indeed challenging—it has also been a tremendous year filled with significant achievements and accomplishments for the Town that will also serve to be a strong foundation for continued success in 2010. The following is a brief summary of major accomplishments and efforts:

- The Board of Selectmen, Town Staff along with Representative Norm Major and Senator Downing successfully worked to keep the Plaistow District Courthouse open—representing over \$100,000 in cost avoidance.
- Town of Plaistow was one of the first communities in NH to receive an American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant for the replacement of Garden Road Bridge—the grant will save Plaistow Taxpayers over \$500,000.
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During 2009, after much discussion by the Board of Selectmen—Plaistow established an Economic Reinvestment Zone (ERZ) along RT 125 to help bring higher paying jobs to Plaistow. As State and Federal officials work to find ways to move our State and Nation out of the most significant post war economic recession—so too have Plaistow's Board of Selectmen and Planning Board acted to ensure that we are doing our part to help improve the economy. Governor Lynch visited Plaistow Town Hall in November to recognize the official designations and to praise Town officials for working to encourage good paying jobs in Plaistow.



Town Officials meet with Governor Lynch's Staff to save the Plaistow Courthouse at the Statehouse



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REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER (Continued)

- The Town has completed the construction of a new Cable Studio in the basement of Town Hall that will allow the Town to save over \$15,000 in annual costs that the Town had been paying to rent space for the studio.
- The Town's Highway Department assumed the landscaping duties and responsibilities for Plaistow Athletic & Recreation Complex (PARC) saving thousands of dollars—in 2009. These savings will increase in 2010 as the Highway's Staff will be assuming additional landscaping responsibilities and duties for Town properties.
- The Town avoided having to take a Tax Anticipation note in 2009 as a result of strategically managing cash flow; saving the Town over \$26,000 in interest and finance charges.
- Town officials continued to explore the possibility of establishing an MBTA Commuter Rail Station in Plaistow. Town Staff were invited to make a presentation to the NH Rail Transit Authority (NHRTA) to review the project.
- In 2009, Plaistow paid off the last of the bond payments for the Plaistow Library and became one of a few New Hampshire municipalities that are not carrying any long term debt.
- The Town celebrated its first Annual Arbor Day, a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting—two trees were planted in Pollard Park.
- Plaistow commemorated September 11th with a special remembrance program held at Pollard Park. The program featured remarks from Plaistow Fire Department and Representative Norm Major.

Over the last year, Plaistow's elected leaders, appointed members of Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and the many other volunteers that the Town depends upon for municipal services poured their heart and soul into making Plaistow work. Many have made extraordinary contributions that have helped to improve the quality of life for all of Plaistow's residents—young or old—rich or poor.

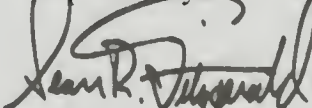


Town Officials Meet With NHDOT Officials

I would especially like to thank Plaistow's employees for their strong commitment to public service. Town staff has worked together—at times under difficult circumstances, often unheralded and underappreciated—to protect and serve and enhance a broader sense of community. Many of these dedicated professionals inspire me with their efforts to improve the quality of service that our local government provides to its citizens.

In closing, I hope that if you have any questions or concerns you will contact me at Town Hall at 603-382-5200 or email me at sfitzgerald@plaistow.com. I also would encourage you to stop by sometime to say hello and let me know your thoughts about how we can help Plaistow reach its highest potential.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sean R. Fitzgerald
Town Manager



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MEETING RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 31, 2009 DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Between 25 and 30 citizens attended the meeting on a clear day with temperatures in the mid 30's. Barry Sargent, Town Moderator, opened the meeting at 10:00am with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He asked non-voters to identify themselves and to then sit in a separate area. The members of the Boards and the new Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald, introduced themselves. Sean spoke to the gathering about his first 6 weeks in office.

Next the non-residents who would be speaking at the meeting were identified and the question to allow them to speak was moved by John Sherman and seconded by Janice Penta. The rules of the meeting were explained and Barry asked if the residents wanted any of the Planning Articles explained, he further stated that we could not make changes to them per the law.

Article P-09-30: A Citizens Petition concerning rezoning three parcels of land with the hope to allow Wal-Mart's plans for a super center to relocate was discussed. Tim Moore of the Planning Board and John Sherman, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, gave clarification to the voters on what a yes and a no vote would mean. Peter Bealo stated that if the article passed there would be more frontage on Main Street than on Route 125. Residents also spoke of a traffic study for Main Street and of putting up signs informing the public about the article. Tim Moore stated that a Protest Petition may be possible, although he didn't know the legalities with it being a Citizens Petition.

Article P-09-02: The article was read by Barry Sargent, motion by Tim Moore, seconded by Martha Sumner and presented by Janice Penta. Janice stated the budget is up 3.76% from the 2008 budget and that if all the warrant articles are approved the increase would be 3.2%. Kristin Lewis Savage, Budget Committee Member, told the body that all of the salary increases are not pay increases but are due to the 53rd pay week in 2009.

John Sherman presented an amendment to the Default Budget, which has already been approved by the Selectmen, to correct the figure to \$7,341,153. The amendment was seconded by Kristin Lewis Savage. Sean Fitzgerald stated that the change reflected some omissions. John told the body that the Board of Selectmen could correct the figure up thru the ballot printing, but they wanted to bring the correct number forward. Martha Sumner asked to move the question and Kristin Lewis Savage seconded.

The Amendment passed.

Jason Hoch asked about the paving figure which was reduced by \$15,000 and presented an amendment to add that figure back into the budget bringing the total to \$7,367,500. It was seconded by Kristin Lewis Savage.

The Amendment Failed.

Robert Gray presented a 3rd amendment to add \$30,000 to the budget with \$15,000 for snowplowing and \$15,000 for salt and sand. His amendment was 2nd by Steve Savage. The Amendment Passed.

Robert Gray presented a 4th amendment adding \$5500 to restore the parade to Old Home Day Budget. It was 2nd by Dan Poliquin. Many residents spoke both for and against increasing the budget. The Amendment Failed.

A final vote was taken and Article, P-09-2 will appear on the ballot with the two amendments as stated above.



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MEETING RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 31, 2009 DELIBERATIVE SESSION (Continued)

Articles P-09-03 thru P-09-10 were all read by Barry Sargent and will all appear on the ballot as written.

P-09-03: Motion by Larry Gil, 2nd by John Sherman, presented by Larry Gil.

P-09-04: Motion by Dan Poliquin, 2nd by Dick Colcord, presented by Dan Poliquin.

P-09-05: Motion by Buzzy Blinn, 2nd by John Sherman, presented by Buzzy Blinn.

P-09-06: Motion by Dan Poliquin, 2nd by John Sherman, presented by Dan Poliquin.

P-09-07: Motion by Larry Gil, 2nd by John Sherman, presented by Larry Gil.

P-09-08: Motion by Robert Gray, 2nd by John Sherman, presented by Robert Gray.

P-09-09: Motion by Larry Gil, 2nd by John Sherman, presented by Larry Gil.

P-09-10: Motion by Robert Gray, 2nd by Steven Savage, presented by Robert Gray.

P-09-11: Article was read by Barry Sargent and a motion was made by Dan Hooper, 2nd by Sue Sherman and presented by Greg Mason. It was stated that the cost to the tax payer is \$10.80/100K.

An amendment was added by Greg Mason adding a sentence to the end of the article making it non-lapsing and 2nd by Martha Sumner. Janis Penta stated that it should have a lapsing date, which was adjusted to add the date of 12/31/2013. The Amendment passed and the article will appear as amended.

P-09-12: Article was read by Barry Sargent and a motion was made by Peter Bealo with 2nd by Kay Robinson. It was presented by Peter Bealo.

After some discussion about the article and to why it was put in as a warrant, Dan Hooper amended it to study the impact of the reclassification. A vote was taken and the amendment passed.

Rachel Bealo further amended the article to specify what impacts would be studied. It was 2nd by Kristin Lewis Savage. This amendment was withdrawn and a new amendment, to delete article P-09-12 wording and replace it, was motioned by Kristin Lewis Savage, 2nd by Rachel Bealo. The new amendment passed and the article will appear with the final amendment.

The Board of Selectmen called a quick meeting to decide on changing their vote concerning the amended articles. They voted and their vote on P-09-02 will remain (5-0-0) and P-09-12 will change to (4-1-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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MEETING RESULTS OF THE MARCH 10, 2009 TOWN MEETING

Voter turnout was high, with 28% casting ballots.

Assistant Moderator Norman Major opens the polls at 7:00 a.m.. It should be noted that this is the first election which opened at 7:00 a.m.; 73 voters in that first early hour.

There were 16 new voters registered on Election Day bringing the totals number of voters to 6,175.

There were 1,709 ballots cast including 30 absentee ballots.

Results are listed below. There were 2 races in which no one- ran on the ballot and write in candidates were chosen, Conflict of Interest (3 yr), Conflict of Interest (1yr), Budget Committee (1yr) and Auditor. The results for Auditor were Matthew Sadewicz for 1 slot and Tom Vinci. Tom Vinci declined the position and Matthew Sadewicz accepted the position.

The Conflict of Interest positions had write-ins, Peter Bealo and Martha Sumner both declined the position.

The Budget Committee position will be filled by Normand Bouchard and another newly vacant position filled by Neal Morin.

2009 WARRANT ARTICLE RESULTS

Article	Description	Result	Article	Description	Result
P-09-01	Elected Officers		P-09-16	Permitted Used	Passed
P-09-02	Operating Budget	Passed	P-09-17	In Law Appt	Passed
P-09-03	Highway Dump Truck	Passed	P-09-18	In Law Appt	Passed
P-09-04	Fire Sup Water Fund	Passed	P-09-19	In Law Appt	Passed
P-09-05	Fire Dept Reserve	Passed	P-09-20	Flags & Signs	Passed
P-09-06	Fire Truck Replacement	Passed	P-09-21	Temporary Signs	Passed
P-09-07	Rescue Revolving Fund	Passed	P-09-22	Real Estate Signs	Passed
P-09-08	Westville Rd Widening	Passed	P-09-23	Real Estate Signs	Passed
P-09-09	Conservation Fund	Passed	P-09-24	Temporary Signs	Passed
P-09-10	Danville Rd Sidewalk	Failed	P-09-25	Freestanding Signs	Passed
P-09-11	Playground	Failed	P-09-26	Exempt Signs	Passed
P-09-12	Study Main Street	Failed	P-09-27	Industrial I & II	Passed
P-09-13	Impact Fee Update	Passed	P-09-28	Industrial Heavy	Passed
P-09-14	Shoreland Protection	Passed	P-09-29	Rezone Dustin Avenue	Passed
P-09-15	Permitted Uses	Passed	P-09-30	Rezone (WalMart)	Failed

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



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MEETING RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2009 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

American Recovery and Reinvestment Monies Garden Road Bridge Replacement

The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Plaistow Public Library. Moderator Barry Sargent opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He then asked for a motion to allow Sean Fitzgerald, Town Manager, to speak as he is not a resident/registered voter. John Sherman made a motion which was seconded by Dan Hooper and passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Sargent then went over the Rules of Order that he would govern the meeting by and then read the warrant. The motion was made to put the warrant on the floor by John Sherman and seconded by Bob Gray. Sean Fitzgerald explained the article using pictures and also explained the process of obtaining the funds from both the State of NH and the Federal Funds.

Tim Moore, Planning Board Chairman, explained that the project has been on the Master Plan and has been a red listed bridge for a number of years. The Planning Board and Rockingham Planning have worked very hard to get the bridge listed with the state on their 10 year plan. Having the bridge on this list made the project "shovel ready", therefore qualifying it for the Stimulus Funds.

There were 12 residents and 23 Town Officials present. The floor was opened for questions. There being no questions a vote was taken, with a yes result and no one voting no.

The meeting was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



***American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant was
Awarded to the Town of Plaistow to Replace
the Garden Road Bridge***



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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal

Year:	2009	2,008
Property Taxes		\$1,339,513

Taxes Committed This Year:

Property Taxes	\$19,828,590
Yield Taxes	\$1,161

Overpayment:	\$46,670	\$20,571
Property Taxes	\$35	
Collect Interest - Late Taxes	\$18,840	\$55,525
Penalties - Returned Check	\$50	\$2,274

TOTAL DEBITS:	\$19,895,346	\$1,417,883
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CREDITS:

* Property Taxes	\$18,594,911	\$858,541
* Yield Taxes	\$646	
* Interest	\$18,875	\$57,817
* Penalties - Return Check	\$50	
* Conversion to Lien		\$501,088

The above (*) remitted to Treasurer

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	\$4,971	\$437
Yield Tax	\$35	

Uncollected Taxes End of Year:

Property Taxes	\$1,280,839
Prepaid	\$-5,461
Yield Taxes	\$480

TOTAL CREDITS:	\$19,895,346	\$1,417,883
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR (Continued)

DEBITS:	2008	2007	2006
Unredeemed Liens-Beginning Year		\$165,095	\$31,231
Liens Executed During Year	\$496,575		
Interest & Costs Collected	\$14,946	\$17,521	\$2,140
Mortgage Notice Costs	\$3,735	\$1,890	\$450
Overpayment	\$709		
Return Check Fine	\$50		
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$516,015	\$184,506	\$33,821

CREDITS:	2008	2007	2006
Redemptions	\$231,072	\$79,457	\$7,045
Interest & Cost Collected	\$14,946	\$17,521	\$2,140
Mortgage Notice Costs	\$1,890	\$1,350	\$180
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer	\$50		
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes	\$5,200	\$6,106	
Unredeemed Liens Balance	\$262,857	\$80,072	\$24,456
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$516,015	\$184,506	\$33,821

The Tax Collector's figures are shown as submitted to the State of New Hampshire and are rounded to the nearest dollar.

DESCRIPTION:	REMITTED TO TREASURER
Property Taxes	\$19,954,541
Yield Tax	\$681
Interest	\$71,484
Redemptions	\$317,575
Interest & Costs Collected	\$34,607
Penalty & Mortgage Notice Costs	\$8,693
TOTAL:	\$20,387,581

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosemarie L. Bayek, Tax Collector



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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK **(2009 REVENUES)**

W/H State NH Motor Vehicle Fees (new for Dec. 09)	\$ 57,027.76
W/H State NH Marriages Certified Copies	\$ 8,756.00
Interware Liabilty W/H = E-Reg	\$ 2,815.00
Dogs W/H State of NH	\$ 1,037.25
UCC Fees	\$ 3,150.00
Autos (10,011)	\$ 1,161,502.65
E-Reg Fee	\$ 7,935.00
Mail In Registration Fee	\$ 597.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 118.92
Dog License (1248)	\$ 6,374.00
Dog Postage from Certified Letters	\$ 250.00
Dog Pickup Fines	\$ 6,350.00
Marriage Licenses (60)	\$ 420.00
Certified Copies (1090)	\$ 3,612.00
Returned Check Charges	\$ 675.00
Municipal Agent Program	\$ 28,698.50
Voter Check List	\$ 297.00
Dredge & Fill Permits	\$ -
Boat Registrations (428)	\$ 5,473.54
Filing Fees	\$ 2.00
Title Fees	\$ 3,266.00
Pole Licenses	\$ 20.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,298,377.62
Prior Year Returned Check Collected	\$ 177.00
Outstanding Checks 2009	\$ (196.20)
Remitted to the Treasurer	\$ 1,298,358.42

Miscellaneous Line:

Photo Copies	= \$.50
Postage	= \$ 108.42
Vitals Correction	= \$ 10.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Balance Brought Forward January 1, 2009
(Total of TD Bank and MBIA Accounts)

\$10,971,063.68

Receipts	Debits	Credits	Total
<i>Town Clerk</i>			
State of NH Motor Vehicles		\$57,027.76	
W/H State of NH Vital Records		\$8,756.00	
Interware Liabilty W/H = E-Reg		\$1,037.25	
Dogs W/H State of NH		\$2,815.00	
UCC Fees		\$3,150.00	
Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$1,161,502.65	
E-Reg Mail In Fees		\$597.00	
Mail In Registration fees		\$7,935.00	
Miscellaneous		\$118.92	
Dog Licenses		\$6,374.00	
Dog Fine Postage		\$250.00	
Dog Pickup Fines		\$6,350.00	
Marriage Licenses		\$420.00	
Certified Copies		\$3,612.00	
Municipal Agent Program		\$28,698.50	
Voter Check List		\$297.00	
Boat Registrations		\$5,473.54	
Filing Fees		\$2.00	
Town Title Fees		3,266.00	
Pole Licenses		\$20.00	
Prior Year Returned Check Paid		\$177.00	
2009 Returned Checks	\$4,192.80		
2009 Returned Checks Paid		\$3,996.60	
2009 Returned Check Charges		\$675.00	
Total (Town Clerk)			\$1,298,358.42





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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)

	Debits	Credits	Totals
<i>Tax Warrant Copies</i>			\$564.25
<i>Planning Board</i>			\$10,952.00
<i>ZBA</i>			\$5,215.44
<i>Health Department</i>			\$8,825.00
<i>Highway Miscellaneous</i>			\$146.30
<i>Witness Fees</i>			\$2,350.80
<i>Recruiting Police Test Fees</i>			\$260.00
<i>Court Ordered Reimbursement</i>			\$85.47
<i>Fire Department</i>			
Ambulance		\$8,623.43	
Insurance Report (Requests)		\$270.00	
General Revenue		\$2,670.65	
Total (Fire Dept.)			\$11,564.08
<i>Recreation Department</i>			
Summer Recreation Registrations		\$38,005.50	
Summer Recreation Trips		\$6,817.00	
Baseball/Softball Registrations		\$9,855.00	
Senior Trips		\$9,175.00	
Field Usage Fees		\$1,060.00	
Returned Checks	\$334.50		
Returned Checks Paid		\$250.00	
Total (Recreation Dept.)			\$64,828.00
<i>Tax Collector</i>			
Liens		\$501,088.22	
Previous Year Taxes		\$892,161.39	
2009 Taxes		\$18,592,680.58	
2010 Taxes		\$1,355.96	
Property Tax Interest		\$42,808.40	
Yield Tax		\$646.32	



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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)

	Debits	Credits	Totals
Yield Tax Interest		\$34.57	
Redemptions		\$317,575.12	
Redemptions/Interest/Costs		\$34,607.19	
Mortgage Notice Costs		\$4,524.00	
Returned Checks	\$31,446.11		
Returned Checks Paid		\$31,446.11	
Returned Checks Fees		\$100.00	
Total (Tax Collector)			\$20,387,581.75
Building/Code Enforcement Department			
Inspections		\$73,767.50	
Returned Checks	\$255.00		
Returned Checks Paid		\$190.00	
Returned Check Fees		\$25.00	
Total (Building/Code Enforcement Dept.)			\$73,727.50
Police Department			
Gun Permits		\$1,190.00	
Licenses to Sell Pistols		\$75.00	
Second Hand and Pawn Shops		\$1,750.00	
Fingerprinting		\$84.00	
Parking Violations		\$5,050.00	
False Alarms		\$825.00	
Insurance Requests		\$6,720.00	
Evidence		\$1,000.00	
Returned Checks	\$75.00		
Returned Checks Paid		\$75.00	
Returned Checks Fee		\$50.00	
Total (Police Dept.)			\$16,744.00
Federal Government			
Witness Advocate		\$28,793.04	
Other Federal		\$114,169.41	
Total (Federal Government)			\$142,962.45
State of New Hampshire			
NH Welfare		\$1,662.50	
NH Forest Fire		\$250.07	



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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)

	Debits	Credits	Totals
NH Sex Offender Registrations		\$78.00	
Rooms & Meals Taxes		\$340,342.91	
Highway Block Grant		\$135,231.80	
Witness Fees		\$24.00	
District Court Rent		\$39,181.29	
NH Fuel Tax		\$428.04	
Grants from State		\$2,070.00	
Total (State of New Hampshire)			\$519,268.61
 <i>Other Government</i>			
Police Dispatch		\$36,465.00	
School Crossing Guard		\$5,803.29	
School Resource Officer		\$47,868.51	
Total (Other Government)			\$90,136.80
 <i>Miscellaneous Sources</i>			
Cable Franchise Fee		\$103,143.50	
Cemetery Lot Sales		\$600.00	
Cemetery Interments		\$1,650.00	
Veteran Markers		\$200.00	
Leased Land		\$112,800.00	
Court Fines - Town Portion		\$2,390.00	
Court Ordered Restitution		\$4,427.35	
Group Health Insurance Reimbursement		\$33,862.24	
Miscellaneous		\$536.00	
Copy Machine Income		\$138.50	
Assessor Copies		\$84.76	
LDVF Police Agreement		\$53,295.73	
Plaistow Memorabilia		\$654.00	
Sales – Surplus Property		\$7,532.00	
Museum Lease		\$1.00	
Insurance Claims		\$969.77	
Water Enterprise		\$31,547.80	
Total (Miscellaneous)			\$353,832.65
 <i>Reimbursements</i>			
Grant – Dept. of Justice (Vest)		\$1,722.29	
Police Department Vehicle Repair		\$2,070.45	



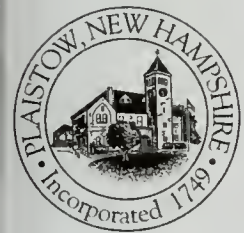
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)

	Debits	Credits	Totals
NHMA Overpayment of Dues		\$148.59	
LGC Health		\$5,592.52	
Waste Management		\$221.02	
Taxes Refund		\$296.07	
Police Outside Detail Reimbursement		\$105,230.50	
Fire Dept. Outside Detail Reimbursement		\$4,610.00	
Outside Detail Administrator's Fee		\$22,332.85	
Pet Food Reimbursement		\$218.17	
State of N.H. Mosquito Control		\$2760.87	
Planning Board Legal Refund		\$997.50	
Medicare Refund		\$4.19	
Executive Miscellaneous		\$512.30	
Hazardous Waste		\$18,031.41	
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Ladder Truck		\$240,000.00	
Town Hall Exp. Tr.		\$595.00	
Seacoast NHC & TCA		\$37.50	
Am. Traffic Safety Association		\$375.00	
Normandeau & Associates Engineers		\$3,463.04	
Normandeau & Associates Engineers (Land)		\$1,064.02	
Schwaab		\$130.00	
Unitil Energy Report		\$600.00	
Perpetual Care		\$1,700.00	
Special Investigation Unit		\$1,944.14	
LGC Health		\$16.45	
FL. Merrill		\$504.88	
Highway Vehicle Purchase Reimbursement		\$75,990.00	
Walmart Recreation Donation		\$500.00	
Highway Truck Purchase Reimbursement		\$82,300.00	
N.A. Heritage Service		\$522.50	
Recreation Revolving Fund		\$2,480.62	
M. Dorman		\$15.00	
Devine Millimet & Branch Refund		\$1,823.10	
N.H. Highway Safety Grant		\$8,587.91	
Renovations - Clock Tower		\$20,000.00	
Unitil Tree Cutting		\$303.00	
Plaistow Public Library		\$3,810.00	
Cable Studio		\$12,457.48	
Total (Reimbursements)			\$623,968.37



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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER (Continued)

	Debits	Credits	Totals
Interest			
MBIA		\$995.47	
TD Banknorth		\$10,767.24	
Total (Interest)			\$11,762.71
Disbursements			
Library		\$432,501.00	
County		\$902,560.00	
Timberlane School District		\$14,222,838.00	
Town		\$10,256,342.46	
Property Lien		\$501,088.22	
Total (Disbursements)			\$26,315,329.68
 Balance as of December 31, 2009			
TD Banknorth		\$7,979,320.94	
MBIA		\$299,547.66	
Total as of December 31, 2009			\$8,278,868.60

Bonded Debt Statement

*Final Payment on the Library Bond was made 1/15/09.
The Town of Plaistow has no remaining bonded debt.*

FISCAL YEAR	COUPON DATE	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	COUPON RATE	INTEREST PAYMENT	PERIODIC DEBT SERVICE
2009	01/01/09		4.47%	\$2,368.56	\$2,368.56
2009	01/15/09	\$105,880.99		\$92.11	\$105,973.10
Balance					\$0
Public Library: Original Amount: \$1,900,000 in 2000					

Respectfully Submitted,
Bernadine A. FitzGerald, Treasurer



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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
MBIA – NH Public Investment Pool					
Plaistow Cemetery	\$110,140.44	\$2,825.00	\$0.00	\$372.64	\$113,663.18
North Parish Cemetery	\$5,597.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.27	\$5,618.39
Cemetery Totals	\$116,062.66	\$2,825.00	\$0.00	\$393.91	\$119,281.57
Other Accounts					
Conservation Fund	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.06	\$5,000.06
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	\$286,108.37	\$80,000.00	\$240,000	\$520.39	\$126,628.76
Recreation Commission	\$4.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.22
P.E.G. Cable Access	\$44,625.98	\$0.00	\$12,457.48	\$147.10	\$32,315.60
Recreation Field	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Internet Expendable	\$13,540.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44.98	\$13,585.58
Fire Suppression Capital Reserve	\$191,370.45	\$116,233.00	\$0.00	\$639.71	\$308,243.16
Town Hall Expendable	\$15,036.63	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$49.13	\$14,490.76
Accrued Leave Expendable	\$12,500.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.26	\$12,541.75
Outside Detail Expendable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highway Capital Reserve	\$190,363.21	\$0.00	\$140,290.00	\$483.23	\$50,556.44
Third Floor Renovations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Buildings Capital Reserve	\$21,021.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.06	\$21,091.82
NHPDIP Total	\$890,634.37	\$204,058.00	\$393,342.48	\$2,389.83	\$703,739.72
Total Invested Funds	\$890,634.37	\$204,058.00	\$393,342.48	\$2,389.83	\$703,739.72

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Senter, Chairman





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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

INCOME	
Town of Plaistow	\$432,501
Donations	\$1,546
Grant	\$485
Fines, Lost Books	\$3,508
Fees: Electronic Equipment, Non-Resident Cards	\$3,321
Interest on Deposits	\$3,571
Book Sale	\$2,580
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$447,412</i>
EXPENSES	
Salaries & Benefits	\$273,787
Utilities	\$44,359
Material Acquisitions	\$45,909
Online Resources	\$3,517
Facility Expenses	\$40,853
Technical Services	\$4,293
Supplies	\$9,746
Programming	\$3,537
Bookkeeping	\$2,655
Continuing Education	\$503
Legal	\$0
Professional Dues	\$515
Postage	\$479
Return to Town	\$3,810
	\$433,478
2008 Encumbered (Repairs)	\$4,100
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$438,063</i>



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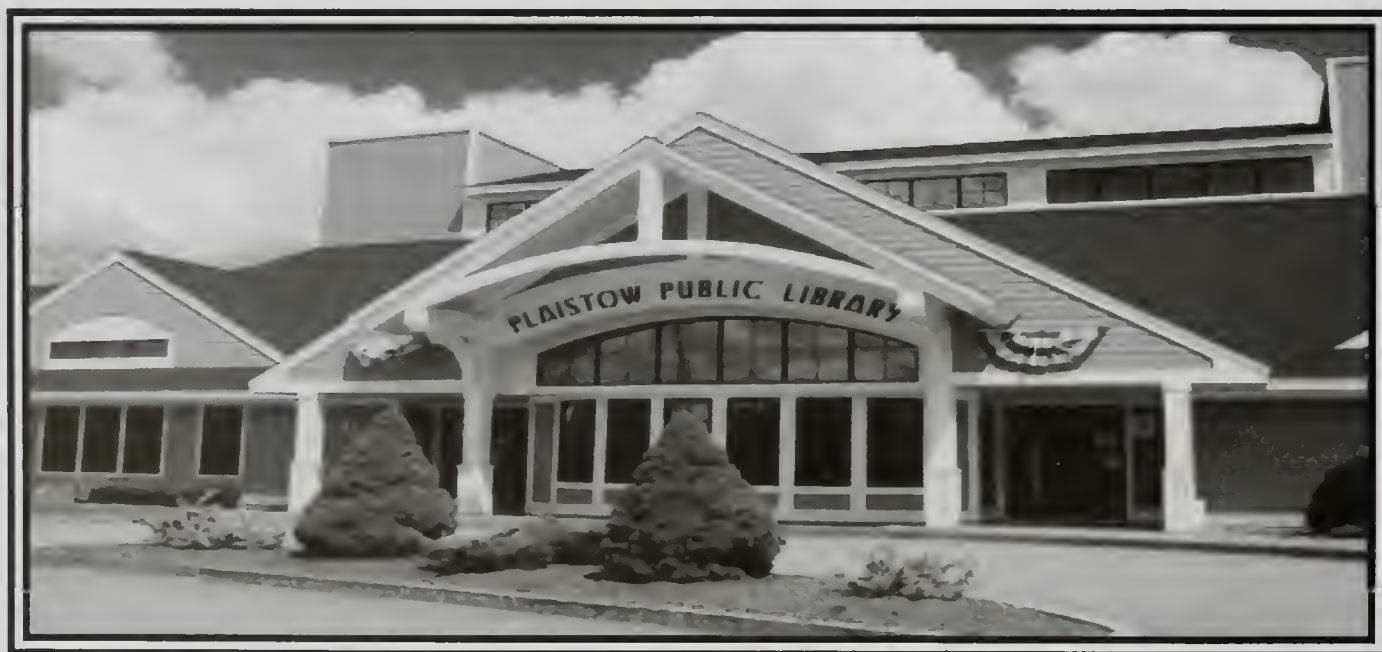
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES (Continued)

LIBRARY ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/2009	
Fines/Lost Book Account	\$29,160.77
Special Projects Fund	\$25,536.13
Restoration & Replacement	\$30,507.51
Grounds Enhancement	\$15,253.76
Technology Fund	\$19,890.41
Memorial Funds	\$11,534.69
Memorial 2 Fund	\$32,508.26
Roger B. Hill Memorial Fund	\$15,574.65
Donald R. Willis Memorial Fund	\$2,082.23
Atty & Mrs. Samuel Conti Family Fund	\$754.31

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Kiarsis, Chair
Elizabeth George, Secretary
Catherine Willis, Treasurer
Janet Davies
Kathleen Vavra





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GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED

Grants

Amount	Source	Purpose	Dept.	Accepted
\$1,095.07	NH Dept. of Safety	12.5% Disaster	Emergency	2008
\$19,091.78	NH Dept. of Safety	12.5% Disaster	Emergency	2008
\$114,169.41	FEMA	Ice Storm	Emergency	4/28/2009
\$2,070.00	State of NH	OHRV	Police	8/3/2009
\$2,760.87	NHDHHS	Mosquito Control	Health	8/6/2009
\$28,793.04	Dept. of Justice	Victim Witness	Police	Budgeted
\$39,375.06	NHDOT	Highway Block Grant	Highway	Budgeted
\$259.70	Dept. of Justice	Bullet Proof Vest	Police	12/23/2009

Donations

Amount	Source	Purpose	Dept.	Accepted
\$1,100.00	WalMart	Auto Pulse Device	Fire	9/14/2009
\$20,000.00	D. H. Sargent Trust	Clock Tower Repair	Buildings	9/28/2009

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorice Sadewicz, Finance Director





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IMPACT FEES AND OTHER FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER

Title		Balance 12/31/2008	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/2009
Impact Fees						
	Public Safety	\$14,110.45	\$5,097.84	\$8.84	\$0	\$19,217.13
	Recreation	\$4,028.30	\$1,408.62	\$2.60	\$0	\$5,439.52
	Route 125	\$111,499.59	\$0	\$52.34	\$97,267.00	\$14,284.93
	School	\$10,849.47	\$2,916.00	\$6.67	\$0	\$13,772.14
	Waterline	\$31,733.61	\$4,288.00	\$17.95	\$0	\$36,039.56
Other Funds						
	Cannon & Statue	\$1,638.35	\$0	\$81	\$250.00	\$1,389.16
	Conservation	\$49,583.81	\$70.00	\$25.62	\$0	\$49,679.43
	Current Use	\$68,869.47	\$27,083.64	\$44.27	\$0	\$95,997.38
	Forest	\$33,585.77	\$0	\$16.98	\$1,605.95	\$31,996.80
	Access Mgmt.	\$9,091.03	\$0	\$4.70	\$0	\$9,095.73
	Accident Recon.	\$4,704.22	\$0	\$2.43	\$0	\$4,706.65
	Fire Com. Vehicle	\$846.58	\$0	\$37	\$566.95	\$280.00
	Recreation Rev.	\$12,915.25	\$18,865.00	\$10.95	\$19,435.76	\$12,355.14
	Water Supp. Line	\$93,990.14	\$78,591.30	\$69.81	\$31,894.42	\$140,756.83
	WW II Monument	\$85.31	\$0	\$04	\$0	\$85.35
	Westville Rd. Mit.	\$15,002.67	\$0	\$7.75	\$0	\$15,010.42
	Special Detail	\$2,688.12	\$134,538.35	\$9.87	\$132,173.35	\$5062.99
	Drug Forfeiture Federal Funds	\$772.12	\$9,970.17	\$5.13	5,384.71	\$5,362.71
	Drug Forfeiture State Funds	\$571.37	\$960.81	\$38	\$1,475.41	\$57.15
	Rescue Vehicle & Medical Equipment	Not Yet Est.	\$11,556.23	\$32.68	\$3,815.19	\$7,773.72

Respectfully Submitted,
Bernadine A. FitzGerald, Treasurer



*Fire Chief John McArdle Gets
Together with the Easter Bunny*



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IMPACT FEE DEFINITION AND 2009 FEE SCHEDULE

An "impact fee" means a fee or assessment imposed upon development, including subdivision, building construction, or other land use change, in order to help meet the needs occasioned by that development for the construction or improvement of capital facilities owned or operated by the municipality, including and limited to water treatment and distribution facilities; wastewater treatment and disposal facilities; sanitary sewers; storm water, drainage and flood control facilities; public road systems and rights-of-way; municipal office facilities; public school facilities; the municipality's proportional share of capital facilities of a cooperative or regional school district of which the municipality is a member; public safety facilities; solid waste collection, transfer, recycling, processing and disposal facilities; public library facilities; and public recreational facilities not including public open space. Impact Fees must be used within six years of imposition, or must be returned to the developer.

1. School District Impact Fees

<u>Units in Structure/Building Type</u>	<u>Fee Assessment Per Unit</u>
Single-family detached (single-family house)	\$2,916.00
Single-family attached (condo or townhouse)	\$1,899.00
Duplex (2-unit)	\$2,269.00
3-4 Units (condo or apartment)	\$1,812.00
5+ Units (condo or apartment)	\$1,057.00
Manufactured Housing	\$1,795.00

2. Recreation Impact Fees

<u>Units in Building Type</u>	<u>Fee Assessment Per Unit/Bedroom</u>
Single-family detached (single-family house)	\$469.54
Single-family attached (duplex, condo or townhouse)	\$469.54
3+ Units (condo or apartment)	\$469.54

3. Public Safety Impact Fees

<u>Type of Land Use</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Residential	\$1,478.00	Per Residential Unit
Industrial or Commercial	\$1.01	Per Square Foot

4. New Road Impact Fees

\$5.00 Per Linear Foot of Additional Public Road

5. Water Line/Fire Suppression Impact Fees

\$2.00 Per Square Foot of Commercial, Industrial, Multifamily, PRD Residential Development Projects

6. Route 125 Impact Fee

This was repealed at the 2006 March Town Meeting



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CURRENT USE DESCRIPTION AND INVENTORY

Started in 1973, the current use program is an extremely important mechanism for keeping open land open. It does not, however, provide any long term protection from the future development of this land.

New Hampshire's Current Use Law (NH RSA 79-A) allows qualifying land to be taxed according to its current, rather than its potential use. Without the Current Use program, all open land regardless of the owner's intent for future use would be assessed and taxed at full market value. In many cases this would have the effect of forcing landowners to sell their property to escape high property taxes. Inevitably this would mean losing much of this land to development, most likely in the form of residential subdivisions. Current Use assessment typically reduces property taxes assessed on undeveloped land by more than two-thirds and is vital to the preservation of open space in the region.

The March 2000 Town Meeting voted to put the "Land Use Change Tax" into the Conservation Fund. The "Conservation Fund 36-A" may be used for land or easement acquisition, or for any other purpose for which the Conservation Commission Fund was established under NH RSA 36-A allows, such as resource inventories, management of Town lands, etc. The 36-A Fund requires approval of both the Conservation Commission's and the Board of Selectmen's approval for withdrawal of these funds. This fund has approximately \$49,583.81 as of December 31, 2008.

Land Section	2008	2009	Difference	% Change
Current Use Lands	83,745	77,834	-5,911	-7%
Conservation Lands	2,570	2,322	-248	-10%
Residential Lands	278,342,000	233,845,470	-44,496,530	-16%
Commercial Lands	105,847,930	104,924,860	-923,070	-1%
Total Lands	384,276,245	338,850,486	-45,425,759	-12%
Building Section				
Residential Buildings	389,425,290	331,021,350	-58,403,940	-15%
Manufactured Housing	374,500	315,100	-59,400	-16%
Commercial Buildings	152,533,910	154,901,160	+2,367,250	+2%
Total Buildings	542,333,700	486,237,610	-56,096,090	-10%
Public Utilities Section				
Public Utilities	23,267,730	23,267,730	0	0
Total Taxable Property	949,883,807	848,361,958	-101,521,849	-11%
Less Elderly Exemptions	-11,009,950	-11,008,496	-1,454	
Less Blind & Disabled Exemptions	-2,760,000	-2,695,616	-64,384	-2%
Gross Valuation	949,883,807	848,361,958	-101,521,849	-11%
Net Valuation	936,108,957	834,652,946	-101,456,011	-11%



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TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST

MAP/LOT	PROPERTY LOCATION	LAND	BUILDING	TOTAL VALUE
6-3	East Road Rear	\$20,220.00	\$0.00	\$20,220.00
6-6	Atkinson Line Rear L	185,210.00	0.00	185,210.00
6-8	Formerly JA Noyes Land	62,190.00	0.00	62,190.00
7-1	Atkinson Line	440,000.00	0.00	440,000.00
7-4	Frog Pond Woods	293,740.00	0.00	293,740.00
7-5	Frog Pond Woods	106,500.00	0.00	106,500.00
8-22	Main Street	59,200.00	0.00	59,200.00
8-23	Main Street Rear Kelley B	75,060.00	0.00	75,060.00
9-11	Old Stage Coach Road	57,210.00	0.00	57,210.00
11-7	Near B&M Railroad	9,070.00	0.00	9,070.00
14-35	East Road Rear	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
15-8	Atkinson Town Line	250.00	0.00	250.00
16-1	45 Greenough Road	106,140.00	0.00	106,140.00
17-6	Frog Pond Woods	176,550.00	0.00	176,550.00
17-7	Frog Pond Woods	33,550.00	0.00	33,550.00
17-29	16 Culver Street	133,380.00	0.00	133,380.00
17-30	15 Lower Road	140,400.00	0.00	140,400.00
17-31	13 Lower Road	139,680.00	0.00	139,680.00
17-32	11 Lower Road	151,200.00	0.00	151,200.00
18-2	Frog Pond Woods	74,400.00	0.00	74,400.00
18-3	Frog Pond Woods	90,900.00	0.00	90,900.00
18-4	Frog Pond Woods	31,800.00	0.00	31,800.00
18-14	Main Street Rear Land	145,350.00	0.00	145,350.00
18-15	14 Culver Street	14,720.00	0.00	14,720.00
19-5	266 Main Sreet	744,500.00	0.00	744,500.00
19-6	280 Main Street	776,900.00	0.00	776,900.00
20-12	1 Hickory Ridge Road	700.00	0.00	700.00
20-37	Old County Road Rear	57,000.00	0.00	57,000.00
20-38	Mt. Misery	289,420.00	0.00	289,420.00
21-7	307 Main Street	433,080.00	0.00	433,080.00
21-8	Mt. Misery Rear	23,600.00	0.00	23,600.00
21-9	Mt. Misery	110,700.00	0.00	110,700.00
21-10	Mt. Misery	138,420.00	0.00	138,420.00
21-11	Main Street Rear	29,500.00	0.00	29,500.00
21-12	Main Street Rear	40,500.00	0.00	40,500.00
21-13	Main Street Rear	43,800.00	0.00	43,800.00
21-14	Main Street Rear	17,070.00	0.00	17,070.00
21-17	Main Street Rear	147,330.00	0.00	147,330.00
22-5	Main Street Rear	33,720.00	0.00	33,720.00
22-7	Mt. Misery Center	17,720.00	0.00	17,720.00
22-8	Mt. Misery Center	78,400.00	0.00	78,400.00
22-9	Mt. Misery Center	45,600.00	0.00	45,600.00
22-10	Kingston Line	11,020.00	0.00	11,020.00
22-11	Mt. Misery Ledge	85,820.00	0.00	85,820.00
22-12	Rear Land	22,460.00	0.00	22,460.00
22-14	Main Street Rear	25,890.00	0.00	25,890.00



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TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST (Continued)

MAP/LOT	PROPERTY LOCATION	LAND	BUILDING	TOTAL VALUE
25-15	35 West Pine Street	157,930.00	0.00	157,930.00
25-38	Plaistow Road Rear	35,940.00	0.00	35,940.00
26-2	Route 125 Y Road	0.00	0.00	0.00
27-54	33 Westville Road	118,500.00	0.00	118,500.00
30-65	163 Plaistow Road	1,026,700.00	0.00	1,026,700.00
31-5	Brentwood Street	14,280.00	0.00	14,280.00
31-68	169 Plaistow Road	471,770.00	0.00	471,770.00
32-25	N/S Old County Road	136,820.00	0.00	136,820.00
32-28	51 Old County Road	433,740.00	75,800.00	509,540.00
32-32	Town Landfill	630,230.00	65,500.00	695,730.00
33-2	Kelley Road	55,400.00	0.00	55,400.00
37-36	2A Woodland Drive	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
37-51	North Ave Rear	2,630.00	0.00	2,630.00
38-20	7 Massasoit Boulevard	109,670.00	0.00	109,670.00
39-47	4 Bittersweet Drive	107,080.00	0.00	107,080.00
39-50-21-3	87 Main Street	303,160.00	2,276,700.00	2,579,860.00
40-1	7 Whiton Place	2,880.00	0.00	2,880.00
40-7	26 A Westville Road	20,270.00	0.00	20,270.00
40-34	120 Main St./ Pollard Sch	1,354,370.00	5,400,000.00	6,754,370.00
40-60	Davis Park Rear	261,560.00	7,500.00	269,060.00
40-67	127 Main Street	119,780.00	162,900.00	282,680.00
41-11	144 Main Street	557,010.00	15,000.00	572,010.00
41-63	145 Main Street	244,350.00	812,700.00	1,057,050.00
41-67	14 Elm Street	217,070.00	296,700.00	513,770.00
41-77	27 Elm Street	421,740.00	2,336,400.00	2,758,140.00
41-82	17 Elm Street	608,850.00	0.00	608,850.00
42-43	5 Ingalls Terrace	153,790.00	79,700.00	233,490.00
42-57	Arbor Lane	134,510.00	18,400.00	152,910.00
43-12	Plaistow Road Rear	77,900.00	0.00	77,900.00
44-52	Old County Road Rear	25,010.00	0.00	25,010.00
44-61	Plaistow Road	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
45-8	215 Plaistow Road – St of	147,000.00	0.00	147,000.00
48-26	Autumn Circle	31,030.00	0.00	31,030.00
49-35	17 Canterbury Forest	53,720.00	0.00	53,720.00
50-70	10 Harriman Road	88,440.00	0.00	88,440.00
53-27	Town Road	67,550.00	0.00	67,550.00
59-8	Autumn Circle Rear	4,950.00	0.00	4,950.00
60-28	Timberlane Road Rear	73,160.00	0.00	73,160.00
62-18	41 Sweet Hill Road	42,710.00	0.00	42,710.00
66-24	23 Newton Road	27,340.00	0.00	27,340.00
69-21	3A Dundee Drive	3,570.00	0.00	3,570.00
69-51	Newton Rear	55,080.00	0.00	55,080.00
69-54	Newton Road Rear	28,030.00	0.00	28,030.00
73-3	Off Newton Road	13,850.00	0.00	13,850.00
99-20	Utility	0.00	6,900.00	6,900.00
TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS	14,168,740.00	11,554,200.00	25,722,940.00



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TAX RATE CALCULATION 2009

Town Portion

Gross Appropriations	\$8,744,733	
Less Revenues	\$3,557,364	
Less Shared Revenues	\$0	
Add Overlay	\$79,030	
War Service Credits	\$90,200	
Net Town Appropriation		\$5,356,599
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Approved Town Tax Effort		\$5,356,599 Town Rate: \$6.42

School Portion

Net Local School Budget (Gross Appropriation - Revenue	\$0	
Regional School Appropriation	\$15,829,386	
Less Adequate Education Grant	(\$2,141,546)	
Less State Education Taxes	(\$2,201,252)	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		\$11,486,588 Local School Rate: \$13.78

State Education Taxes

State-wide Education Tax Rate	\$2.14	
Equalized Valuation	\$1,031,031,544	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation	\$810,494,216	
State Education Tax For Plaistow		\$2,201,252 State School Rate: \$2.72

County Portion

Due to County	\$902,560	
Less Shared Revenues	\$0	
Approved County Tax Effort:		\$902,560 County Rate: \$1.08

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$19,946,999	
Less War Service Credits	(90,200)	
Total Property Tax Commitment:		\$19,856,799 Total Rate: \$24.00

Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	\$810,494,216	\$2.72	\$2,201,252
All other Taxes	\$833,761,946	\$21.28	\$17,745,747
			<u>\$19,946,999</u>



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Town of Plaistow 2009 Cash Flow





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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Plaistow's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Plaistow, as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted by the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of

inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Melanson, Heath + Company P.C.

Nashua, New Hampshire
January 28, 2010



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TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE	
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS	
DECEMBER 31, 2008	
	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current:	
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 11,099,172
Investments	1,352,906
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:	
Taxes	843,333
User fees	96,042
Departmental and other	41,163
Intergovernmental	69,401
Prepaid expenses	84,119
Noncurrent:	
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:	
Taxes	620,671
Capital assets, being depreciated, net	6,325,083
Capital assets, not being depreciated	4,009,305
TOTAL ASSETS	24,541,195
LIABILITIES	
Current:	
Accounts payable	162,895
Accrued liabilities	30,860
Due to other governments	7,066,838
Notes payable	3,000,000
Other current liabilities	657
Current portion of long-term liabilities:	
Bonds payable	190,000
Compensated absences	15,197
Noncurrent:	
Compensated absences, net of current portion	126,640
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,593,087
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	10,144,388
Restricted for:	
Grants and other statutory restrictions	1,364,611
Permanent funds:	
Nonexpendable	88,933
Expendable	21,463
Unrestricted	2,328,713
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 13,948,108



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TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expenses)</u> <u>Revenues and</u> <u>Changes in Net Assets</u>
		<u>Charges for</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Grants and</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Grants and</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ 2,250,869	\$ 70,881	\$ 39,996	\$ -	\$ (2,139,992)
Public safety	2,471,052	264,474	124,816	525	(2,081,237)
Highways and streets	838,047	80,436	130,246	-	(627,365)
Health and welfare	229,394	9,725	-	-	(219,669)
Sanitation	605,706	-	-	-	(605,706)
Water distribution and treatment	60,562	83,141	-	-	22,579
Culture and recreation	739,962	91,007	205	-	(648,750)
Interest	22,609	-	-	-	(22,609)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 7,218,201</u>	<u>\$ 599,664</u>	<u>\$ 295,263</u>	<u>\$ 525</u>	(6,322,749)
General Revenues and Contributions:					
					4,749,660
Taxes					1,247,255
Motor vehicle permits					418,149
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					85,103
Investment income					337,275
Miscellaneous					9,850
Permanent fund contributions					6,847,292
Total general revenues					524,543
Change in Net Assets					13,423,565
Net Assets:					
Beginning of year					<u>\$ 13,948,108</u>
End of year					



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TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 10,807,295	\$ 291,877	\$ 11,099,172
Investments	298,552	1,054,354	1,352,906
Receivables, net of allowance:			
Taxes	1,532,968	-	1,532,968
User fees	-	96,042	96,042
Departmental and other	41,163	-	41,163
Intergovernmental	69,401	-	69,401
Due from other funds	12,361	44,730	57,091
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 12,761,740	\$ 1,487,003	\$ 14,248,743
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 162,895	\$ -	\$ 162,895
Accrued liabilities	28,490	-	28,490
Deferred revenue	1,017,956	-	1,017,956
Due to other governments	7,066,838	-	7,066,838
Due to other funds	44,730	12,361	57,091
Notes payable	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Other liabilities	657	-	657
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,321,566	12,361	11,333,927
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	243,990	4,100	248,090
Perpetual (nonexpendable) permanent funds	-	88,933	88,933
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund	1,196,184	-	1,196,184
Special revenue funds	-	1,360,146	1,360,146
Permanent funds	-	21,463	21,463
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,440,174	1,474,642	2,914,816
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 12,761,740	\$ 1,487,003	\$ 14,248,743



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TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 4,507,747	\$ 5,091	\$ 4,512,838
Charges for services	194,917	236,787	431,704
Licenses and permits	1,415,215	-	1,415,215
Intergovernmental	713,732	205	713,937
Investment income	55,512	29,591	85,103
Miscellaneous	306,349	40,776	347,125
Total Revenues	<u>7,193,472</u>	<u>312,450</u>	<u>7,505,922</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	2,186,700	123,827	2,310,527
Public safety	2,226,692	131,772	2,358,464
Highways and streets	844,730	-	844,730
Health and welfare	227,712	-	227,712
Sanitation	605,706	-	605,706
Water distribution and treatment	33,132	-	33,132
Culture and recreation	258,476	486,667	745,143
Debt service	136,859	-	136,859
Capital outlay	32,084	-	32,084
Total Expenditures	<u>6,552,091</u>	<u>742,266</u>	<u>7,294,357</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	641,381	(429,816)	211,565
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers in	-	729,115	729,115
Transfers out	(729,115)	-	(729,115)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(729,115)</u>	<u>729,115</u>	<u>-</u>
Changes in fund balances	(87,734)	299,299	211,565
Fund Balance, at Beginning of Year	<u>1,527,908</u>	<u>1,175,343</u>	<u>2,703,251</u>
Fund Balance, at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,440,174</u>	<u>\$ 1,474,642</u>	<u>\$ 2,914,816</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2008

Total governmental fund balances	\$ 2,914,816
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	10,334,388
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection.	948,992
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.	(2,370)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long-term liabilities, (net of prepaid debt service) including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	<u>(247,718)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	\$ <u>13,948,108</u>



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TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 211,565
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:	
Capital outlay purchases, net of dispositions	228,996
Depreciation	(265,252)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue.	
	236,822
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets:	
Repayments of debt	110,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.	
	4,249
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	
	<u>(1,837)</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ <u>524,543</u>



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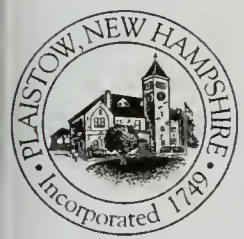
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	
Revenues and Other Sources:				
Taxes	\$ 4,713,404	\$ 4,713,404	\$ 4,690,148	\$ (23,256)
Charges for services	68,000	68,000	90,792	22,792
Licenses and permits	1,434,900	1,434,900	1,415,215	(19,685)
Intergovernmental	701,703	701,703	716,898	15,195
Investment income	60,000	60,000	55,512	(4,488)
Miscellaneous	318,500	318,500	341,288	22,788
Transfers in	78,057	78,057	-	(78,057)
Other sources	70,480	70,480	70,480	-
Total Revenues and Other Sources	7,445,044	7,445,044	7,380,333	(64,711)
Expenditures and Other Uses:				
General government	2,238,443	2,238,443	2,199,549	38,894
Public safety	2,217,363	2,217,363	2,121,513	95,850
Highways and streets	811,068	811,068	827,051	(15,983)
Health and welfare	210,798	210,798	227,376	(16,578)
Sanitation	701,750	701,750	656,993	44,757
Water distribution and treatment	49,274	49,274	32,547	16,727
Culture and recreation	291,864	291,864	251,954	39,910
Debt service	127,002	127,002	124,994	2,008
Capital outlay	68,367	68,367	44,834	23,533
Transfers out	729,115	729,115	729,115	-
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	7,445,044	7,445,044	7,215,926	229,118
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 164,407	\$ 164,407



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FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
Additions:	
Investment Income:	\$ <u>72</u>
Total additions	72
Deductions:	
Other	<u>213</u>
Total deductions	<u>213</u>
Net decrease	(141)
Net assets:	
Beginning of year	<u>5,738</u>
End of year	\$ <u><u>5,597</u></u>



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FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Private Purpose Trust Fund	Agency Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and short term investments	\$ -	\$ 489,507
Investments	<u>5,597</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	5,597	489,507
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Other liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>489,507</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>489,507</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Total net assets held in trust for other purposes	\$ <u><u>5,597</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

Respectfully Submitted

Melanson Heath & Company, PC
Certified Public Accountants
Nashua, New Hampshire



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REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

The responsibilities of the Assessor's Office include keeping information about all properties current. Ownership changes, property sales, property data, tax maps and other property information is constantly being updated so that anyone needing this information may acquire it and be confident that it is accurate.

Historically, in New Hampshire, the Board of Selectmen had been directly responsible for maintaining equitable assessments. In the old days it was not uncommon to see the Board of Selectmen riding about town once a year in a buckboard, determining what assessments should be for farms, farm animals, horses and buggies. Along about the 1950's this job was contracted out to revaluation companies every ten years or so. Assessments would remain the same between these 10-year total revaluations excepting new construction and demolitions.

With the advent of computers and laws requiring equitable assessments every year, performed by certified individuals, the process changed again (in 1999 for Plaistow), where the Selectmen would retain real estate appraisers to perform the assessment function on their behalf and under their supervision.

Accordingly, the Assessor's Office is responsible, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, for keeping assessments current with market value. State law requires assessments to be proportionate, each year, and that at least once in every five years, bring assessments to full market value.

Legislation resulting from the 'Sirrell' v. Portsmouth decision has placed the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) in an oversight roll to ensure compliance to State assessing standards, where they produce a report to the Assessing Standards Board reflecting the DRA's findings during their 5-year 'assessment review' process. This report addresses all facets of the assessing office from assessment equity to the way in which we address requests for abatements, Veteran credits and many other assessment functions. The DRA will measure our performance against standards developed by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) and the Equalization Standards Board (ESB). Plaistow is scheduled for their next assessment review in 2011.

2009 Assessment Update:

Assessment updates are performed to bring all assessments to market value in accordance with State Standards. Plaistow performs these updates in order to prevent the drastic shifts in value and taxes experienced during a typical 'full revaluation' by incremental changes over the 5-year period. All Towns are now required to bring assessments to current market value at least once in every five years. Plaistow's policy is to perform these more often in order to soften the impact to individual taxpayers. Due to the softening of the real estate market in 2008, assessments were adjusted to reflect these emerging changes. (See Selectmen's Policy on Assessing Updates at the conclusion of this discussion.)

2009 Real Estate Market:

Through the last half of 2007 and into 2008, the collapse of the mortgage loan industry has caused a slowdown in the residential real estate market. While New England has not experienced some of the wild declines reported in other areas of the country, we have experienced an increase in foreclosures and a dramatic slowing of the number of sales we are experiencing. These have resulted in a softening in sales prices for single-family homes and condominiums.

To give an idea of the number of foreclosures occurring in Plaistow, the following graph illustrates the trend over the past four years:

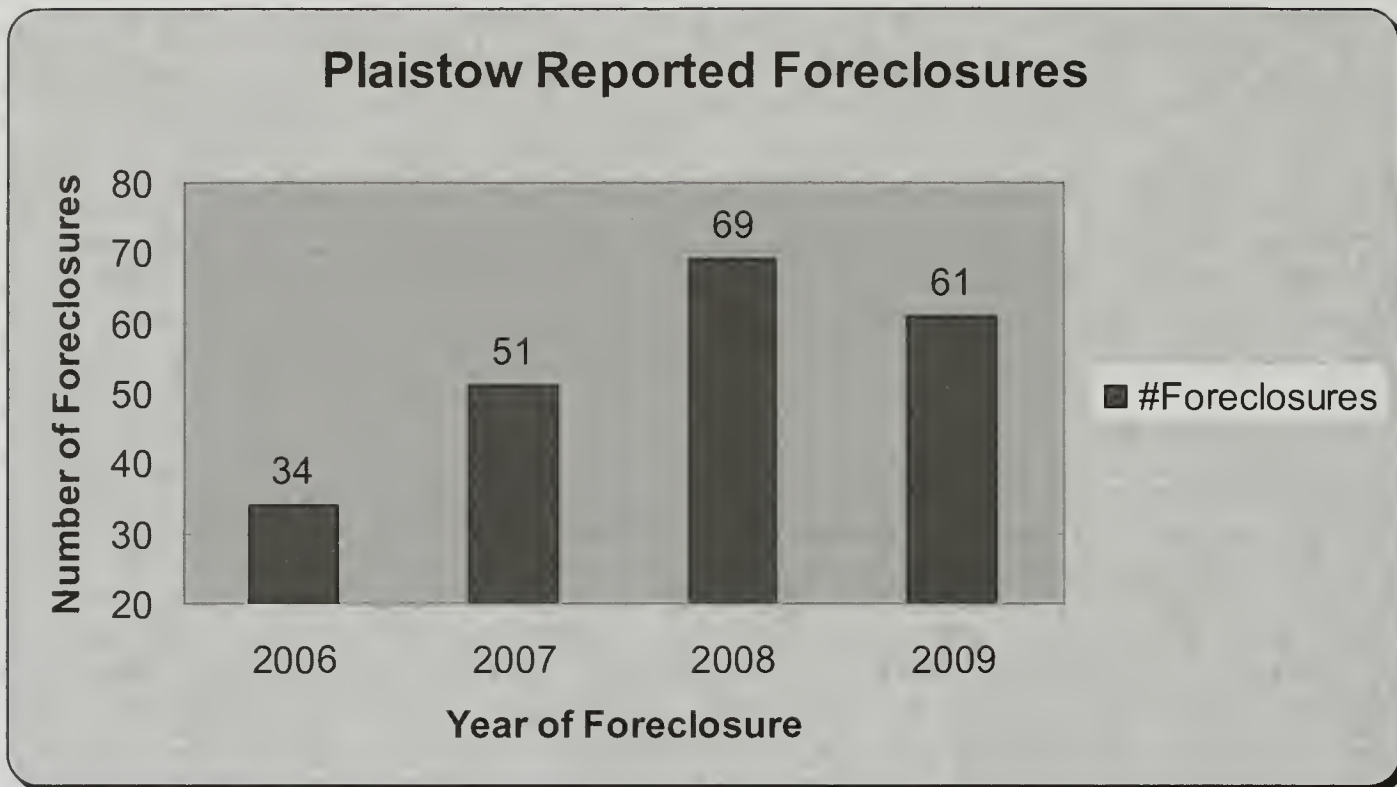


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At the time of this report, only foreclosures occurring through October of 2009 were reported. Accordingly, by the time November and December are tabulated, it is likely that 2009 will be similar to 2008.

Following are some graphs that illustrate the changes in the Plaistow market over the past 10 years in terms of the number of sales that had occurred and the average selling prices of single-family homes, and then condominiums:





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Based upon a more detailed analysis of these current sales (September 2008 through August 2009), the assessments for single family homes and condominiums were decreased again this year (2009) in order to keep pace with the emerging market.

Assessment Statistics:

Equity in assessments is measured in statistical terms. Specifically, the *assessment ratio* is the primary measure as to how our assessments relate to market value. For example, if a property sells for \$100,000 but is assessed for \$90,000, the assessment ratio is 90% for this property (\$90,000 divided by \$100,000). Each sale is analyzed in this way, both by the Town and the Department of Revenue Administration. All sales occurring within the ratio period (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 for this current year) are arrayed in this way, and the median point of all the ratios becomes the assessment ratio for the Town for that year.

Because we were witnessing a decline in market values for residential properties, and a resultant increase in the assessment ratios, the Selectmen authorized an adjustment to assessments to reflect the emerging market of 2009. The following chart illustrates the assessment ratios as a result of the 2009 update, and what the ratios would have been had no assessment update been authorized. 'Ratio w/o Update' indicates what the median ratios would have been had no update been performed for 2009. The '2009 ratio' column indicates what the ratio is for the year as a result of the assessment update: (2009 are estimates, the DRA has yet to certify the 2009 ratio):

Category	Ratio w/o Update	2009 Ratio
Overall	106%	92%
Single-Family	109%	91%
Condo	106%	94%
Commercial	72%	72%



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2009 Tax Rate:

Because the assessment update included reducing residential values, our overall value for the Town decreased from the previous year. Following are the changes in the assessed value of taxable properties from 2008 to 2009 as taken from the report sent to the State for tax rate setting purposes (MS1 report):

Category	2008	2009	Difference	% Change
Current Use Lands	\$ 83,745	\$ 77,834	\$ (5,911)	-7%
Conservation Lands	\$ 2,570	\$ 2,322	\$ (248)	-10%
Residential Lands	\$ 278,342,000	\$ 233,845,470	\$ (44,496,530)	-16%
Commercial Lands	\$ 105,847,930	\$ 104,924,860	\$ (923,070)	-1%
Total Lands	\$ 384,276,245	\$ 338,850,486	\$ (45,425,759)	-12%
Residential Buildings	\$ 389,799,790	\$ 331,021,350	\$ (58,778,440)	-15%
Manufactured Housing	\$ 374,500	\$ 315,100	\$ (59,400)	-16%
Commercial Buildings	\$ 152,533,910	\$ 154,901,160	\$ 2,367,250	2%
Total Buildings	\$ 542,333,700	\$ 485,922,510	\$ (56,411,190)	-10%
Public Utilities	\$ 23,267,730	\$ 23,267,730	0	0
Total Taxable Property	\$ 949,883,807	\$ 848,361,958	\$ (101,521,849)	-11%
Less All Exemptions	\$ (13,769,950)	\$ (13,704,112)	\$ (64,384)	-2%
Gross Valuation	\$ 949,883,807	\$ 848,361,958	\$ (101,521,849)	-11%
Net Valuation	\$ 936,108,957	\$ 834,652,946	\$ (101,456,011)	-11%

Notes:

The values shown above include all public utilities, however, the State of New Hampshire deducts a large portion of the utility values for use in their State School Tax rate calculations.

The Gross Valuation shown is before deductions of veteran tax credits and State share of public utilities.

The Net Valuation shown is after elderly and veteran deductions plus inclusions of revenue from sources other than property taxes (such as registrations, licenses, etc.). The Net Valuation is what is applied against expenses approved at the public deliberative sessions to determine the tax rate for the year.

It is important that taxpayers understand that decreasing assessments do not lead to loss in revenues to the Town. This is because the Town must raise the revenues approved by the taxpayers, neither more nor less. If the overall assessments are higher than the previous year, the tax rate will be less, and if the overall assessments are lower than the previous year, the tax rate will be higher. In each case the same amount of overall revenue will be raised to cover essential municipal services approved by the taxpayers during Town Meetings or deliberative sessions (one for the Town, and another for the School District).



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Tax Rate Changes:

Had all Town, School and County expenditures remained the same as in 2007, the tax rate would have increased by 5.9% to make up for the loss in taxable value in 2008, or, roughly \$1.12 on the overall tax rate. However, collectively, from all categories, the tax rate increased effectively by \$1.18 per thousand over the 2007 tax rate (\$1.12 from decreased valuations and \$1.18 from increased expenditures). The breakdown is as follows:

Year	Town	Local School	State School	County	Total Rate
2008	\$5.10	\$12.79	\$2.43	\$0.98	\$21.30
2009	\$6.42	\$13.78	\$2.72	\$1.08	\$24.00
Difference	\$1.32	\$0.99	\$0.29	\$0.10	\$2.70

Because the total valuation of the Town decreased by 11%, the tax rate had to increase by 11% in order to raise an equal amount of revenue as last year. Accordingly, the tax rate would have increased to \$23.64 to make up the loss in total assessed value. The balance of the increase in the rate of \$.357 (cents per thousand) was due to increases in spending over the previous year.

Property Data Collections/Accuracy

Personnel from the Assessors Office are continually collecting data on properties in the Town. Each property is inspected, by law, at least once in every five years. This is an important part of the assessment process for incorrect data can lead to incorrect assessments.

We encourage all taxpayers to review the data on file for their property when you have the opportunity. If any questions or discrepancies are noted, please bring them to the attention of the assessment office personnel. We remain open to any and all observations as to how we may better serve you.

Elderly Exemption

New Hampshire provides for an exemption of property taxes to qualified elderly taxpayers. The process is 'needs' based, and is applied according to the following criteria:

To qualify, applicant must:

- be 65 years of age or older on or before April 1st in the year they're applying
- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1st
- be living in the house, which must be their primary residence
- have total household income not exceeding \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married
all sources of income are included
- have total assets not exceeding \$80,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house is situated on

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- ages 65 to 74 - \$110,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.
- ages 75 to 79 - \$150,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.
- ages 80 and over - \$190,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.



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Totally and Permanently Disabled

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1st
- be living in the house, which must be their primary residence
- be totally and permanently disabled and collecting Social Security
- have a total household income not exceeding \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married
- all sources of income are included
- total assets cannot exceed \$80,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house sits on

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$150,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder

Blind Exemption

To qualify, applicant must:

- total be a N.H. resident for at least 1 year prior to April 1st in the year exemption is claimed
- be legally blind as determined by the administrator of blind services and provide a letter stating such

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$15,000 will be deducted from the assessment and taxes will be paid on the remainder

Veteran's Tax Credit:

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 1 year prior to April 1st in the year the credit is claimed
- have honorably served at least 90 consecutive days of active duty during a qualifying period
- Supply a copy of paperwork (DD-214, for example) showing date of entry, date of discharge, and character of service

If applying for service connected total disability tax credit, disability must be 100% total and permanent, must be service-connected and a letter from the veteran's administration must be supplied at time of application.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$200 will be deducted from the taxes for a standard veteran credit and \$2,000
- \$200 will be deducted from the taxes for a standard veteran credit and \$2,000 for a veteran with a service connected total and permanent disability

Veteran Spouse or Widow:

To qualify, applicant must:

- Demonstrate that the spouse or deceased veteran met all requirements for Veterans Tax Credit (referenced above), and,
- Has not remarried
- The surviving spouse of any veteran killed or died while on active duty, as listed in RSA 72:28, providing that the spouse or widow has not remarried



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The State of New Hampshire has a program to rebate a portion of the state-wide property tax for qualifying elderly residents. Information is available at Town Hall in the Assessor's Office.

The assessing personnel would like to take this opportunity to thank all the taxpayers in the Town for their patience and assistance throughout the year. The tax assessment process is a necessary process, however not necessarily an enjoyable one for anyone involved, however we do appreciate your unfailing courtesies extended over the past many years.

Respectfully submitted,
Wil Corcoran, Assessor's Agent



***Citizens Receive Their H1N1 Vaccinations at the
Clinic Held at the T.R.H.S. in December 2009***



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ASSESSMENT UPDATE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1. The Board will determine a budget necessary to do the work needed for the *certification year* and make that a request as part of the budget process in the fall of the year.
2. The Assessing Firm will do the sales analysis and measurement each year as part of its regular duties. All work will be done in compliance with state laws and enforceable Administrative rules that are based upon the latest changes to the state laws.
3. The Board of Selectmen will proceed with an update based upon measurements that fall outside of recommendations for good assessing practices in the median values, stratification, and/or Coefficient of Dispersion.
4. The Board of Selectmen will make the public aware of the planned process and hold a public hearing to explain the rationale for undertaking such a process. When there is a mass update, the database for taxes will not be changed for those updates until the Board agrees upon the proposed numbers.
5. The Board of Selectmen will make available speakers for groups who wish to hear about the subject, e.g. PACE, Lions, etc. Announcements will go on channel 17, the web, and via a press release to the papers.
6. All mass mailings, sent by the assessing department, will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen before they are sent, including any attachments.
7. Those with elderly and disabled exemptions will receive a separate letter indicating the potential impact on them of the changes.
8. The Assessing Firm should make a recommendation of values (subject to revision in the hearing process) to the Board of Selectmen by July 17th.
9. The Board of Selectmen will hold an informational hearing to explain the process before formally voting on accepting the assessing firm's recommendation, but the absence of this vote will not hinder proceeding with hearings for taxpayers.
10. When the new proposed values are ready, letters will be sent to invite each property owner with a new value to come and review their values. Available times will include evening hours as well as days. The letters will emphasize that an increase or decrease in values does not translate directly into an increase or decrease in a person's tax bill.
11. The letters will be sent to everyone whose property value changes by more than 5% and allow the owners at least 10 days notice before the hearing period ends. The hearing period will last at least 5 days. Evening appointments will be available at least 4 of those days. If more than one quarter of the parcels changes more than 5%, there will be at least 8 days for appointments with 7 evenings.
12. Lists will be available of current and proposed values at the Town Hall, Library, and on the Town's web site. If possible a program will be developed for repeated broadcast on channel 17 of the process and especially focus on the impact of the update.



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REPORT OF BEEDE SUPERFUND SITE ACTIVITIES

Background

The Beede Waste Oil site is located at 7 - 11 Kelley Road in Plaistow, New Hampshire. The site is comprised of two parcels of land totaling approximately 40.6 acres. Parcel 1 (21.6 acres) housed the former commercial waste oil reclamation and asphalt batching operations. Parcel 2 (19 acres) is primarily undeveloped land. The facility was in operation from the 1920's through August 1994 as a waste oil storage and recycling facility. The site is contaminated primarily with waste oil that seeped into the ground from a variety of sources, including a former unlined lagoon, underground storage tanks, aboveground storage tanks, and numerous drums located throughout the property. The site was added to EPA's National Priorities (Superfund) List in December 1996.

In 2004, after a lengthy public review period, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) selected a comprehensive cleanup plan for the site. The nearly \$50 million cleanup will result in the property meeting the EPA's residential reuse standards, which are the Agency's most stringent cleanup standards.

A comprehensive legal settlement agreement, also called a Consent Decree, between the federal government, the state of New Hampshire and 101 potentially responsible parties was lodged with the court in April 2007 and entered as a final order by the New Hampshire Federal District Court in July 2008. The Consent Decree secures a commitment from the settling parties to finance and conduct a comprehensive clean up of the Beede site worth an estimated \$48 million.



A Recent Aerial View of the Beede Site

Who Owns the Site?

To make it easier to perform the cleanup as part of the Consent Decree, in December, 2009, ownership of the two parcels comprising the site was transferred from the Hampshire Realty Trust and Sun Realty Trust to the current owner, a limited liability corporation established by the major settling parties, called "11 Kelley and 42 Old County Road Properties, LLC."

Gathering Further Information

Since the signing of the Consent Decree, the settling parties have been gathering the information needed to design the cleanup and in January 2008 assumed NHDES' groundwater monitoring program. All of these efforts have been performed under EPA and NHDES oversight. Before cleanup can begin, more information needed to be gathered in order to better design the cleanup. These efforts began in 2008 and continued until the end of 2009.

Ongoing Groundwater Monitoring

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has been routinely monitoring residential wells in the vicinity of the Beede Site since 1991. The monitoring program currently includes approximately 50 residential wells which are monitored for the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The monitoring efforts to date have shown that seven water supply wells are currently impacted by the site-related VOCs, and only



Deep Soil Sampling



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three residential wells have VOCs present above the State standards. As a result, all those served by these three wells are currently receiving bottled water or carbon filtration treatment to remove or reduce the VOC contamination to safe levels.

What Will Happen Next Year?

The information gathered in 2008 and 2009 will inform and refine the cleanup designs. Engineering design work is scheduled to start in January 2010. As the design work gets developed, EPA and NHDES will hold more public meetings to keep Plaistow informed, be available to answer questions, and get public input.

When Will the Cleanup Begin and Who is Doing the Work?

The comprehensive cleanup is expected to start in 2011. Aside from the groundwater component, the soil and sediment cleanup is slated to conclude in 2013. Under the Consent Decree, the settling parties are required to implement the 2004 comprehensive cleanup plan. To do so, the group has hired a project manager and an environmental consulting company. EPA, New England, however, coordinates, directs and reviews the work of the performing parties and their responsibilities to assure regulatory compliance. EPA New England, and NHDES, in partnership, are closely overseeing the work being done at the Beede site and are ensuring all appropriate public and private interests are kept informed and concerns are considered.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Gray, Chairman of the Beede Reuse Committee



Groundwater Pump Test, Summer 2008



A Portion of the Vacuum Enhanced Extraction Conveyance System and Wells Removing Floating Oil Adjacent to Some Homes.



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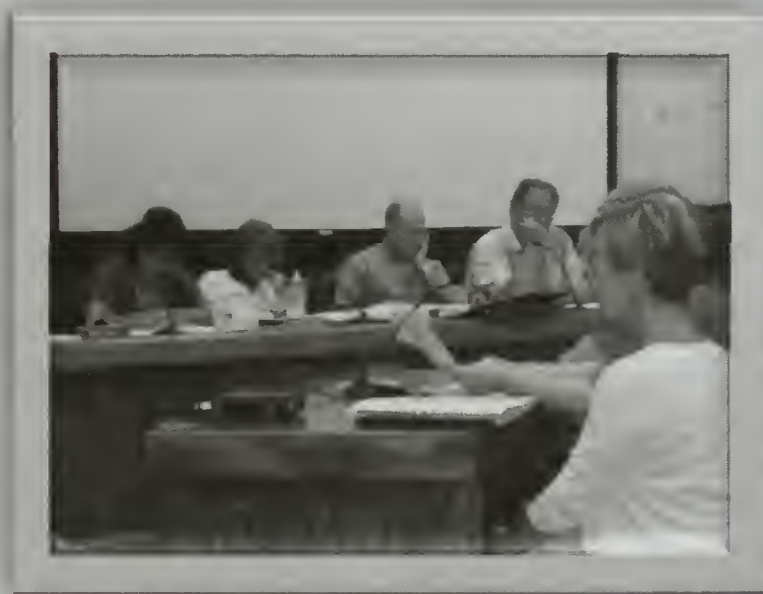
REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The 2009-2010 budget season has come to a close. For the first time in several years, I am pleased to report that we had a full Committee for the entire season! Trust me, this is no easy feat for a twelve member Public Committee. I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every member for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the budget process. I would also like to thank Ron Hayes for his many years served on the Budget Committee. He has chosen not to seek reelection at this time and the Committee and I wish him the best for his future.

The Committee persevered through some changes to the process this year, but when all was said and done is satisfied that we have presented a budget that is in the current best interest of the Town of Plaistow. The 2010 proposed operating budget is \$7,328,045, which is a *decrease* of \$54,455 or 0.7% from last year's proposed operating budget. Keeping the budget at this level came with some reservations for what it may mean for the future of Plaistow, but no cuts were made that would greatly impact services. Likewise, minimal additions were made. It was a year to maintain the status quo based on the economic times. The Committee believes that the Town and its departments can perform their usual duties under this budget which is vital. That being said, there is no doubt that the coming years will bring forth incidental and new projects that have been stalled over the past couple of years; all of which will be appropriately considered in due time.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge that every person involved in the budget process this year recognized the financial times for what they are and presented their budget with respect to same. In what could have been a very cantankerous year, everyone worked together for the good of the Town. For that, I thank all of those who have been involved in the budget process this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Lewis Savage, Chairperson



*Library Director Laurie Houlihan
Before the Budget Committee*

*Life is full of ups and downs. The trick is to enjoy the ups
and have courage during the downs. ~ author unknown*



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REPORT OF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The Building Maintenance Department staff plays a very important role in the day to day operations of the Town's buildings and facilities. We must ensure that the buildings are clean and neat and that everything is operating safely. Our department is responsible for the regular maintenance of the Town Hall, Court House, Public Safety Complex, Library and Historical Society buildings.

We take pride in the appearance of all of the buildings and facilities and devote a great deal of attention to ensuring this. In addition to daily custodial tasks, this department performs more specific work on electrical, plumbing, roofing repairs and snow removal.

During 2009, there were numerous repairs made to the various buildings including:

- ❖ Repair of rubbered/shingled roofs due to ice backup at the Historical Society Building
- ❖ Repair of a roof leak on the third floor of the Town Hall
- ❖ Repair of a condensor unit at Town Hall
- ❖ Repair of the air conditioning compressor units at the Public Safety Complex
- ❖ Replacement of a sheave and hard start capacitor at the Public Safety Complex
- ❖ Replacement of a circulation pump in the Fire Chief's office at the Public Safety Complex

There is a great deal that must be done on a daily basis to maintain all of the buildings and facilities that the Town owns, and Building Maintenance is the department that keeps everything running safely and smoothly.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Bowles, Building Maintenance Supervisor



*The Historical Society and Town Hall Located
on Main Street are Two of Many Buildings
Maintained by the Building Maintenance Department*



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REPORT OF THE BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Economic times have been tough over the past few years yet the residents of Plaistow have risen to the challenge. You have shown your pride in your community by making improvements to your own back yards.

The leadership of our Town has also decided to make some cost saving improvements as well. A new cable studio is being built in the basement of the Town Hall as I write this. This will relocate the studio in-house, not only making access to it more convenient, but providing substantial cost savings to the Town as we will no longer have to rent space for the cable studio. I would like to thank *Total Basement Finishing of New Hampshire* (owned by Plaistow resident, Jim Berube) for making the project a complete success. Jim and the boys have great pride in their product and love to show it off as if it were one of their kids. Hopefully you will all have a chance to check the new Cable Studio out real soon.



Chief Building Official
P. Michael Dorman

The reconstruction of Haseltine Street was completed this year, making access to Route 125 southbound from Main Street much safer. As we have frequently and proudly boast, no tax payer dollars were used for the Haseltine Street improvement project.

Not only was Haseltine Street improved for safety, but a new stop sign was installed at the intersection of Main Street northbound and Haseltine Street as a preliminary "traffic calming" measure. Traffic calming is intended to slow traffic to sensitive areas of our town, such as The Village District, an area of great pride to our residents. All the community development offices are looking into additional traffic calming techniques to make our town an even better place to live.

Unfortunately, as you can see by the chart below, we have to report that there has been a decrease in revenues collected in 2009.

Type of Fee Collected	2008	2009
Building Permit	\$29,547.50	\$26,477.50
Electric Permit	\$5,755.00	\$5,270.00
Electrical Insp.	\$6,605.00	\$7,195.00
Plumbing Permit	\$1,915.00	\$1,905.00
Plumbing Insp.	\$2,430.00	\$2,640.00
Occupancy Permit	\$4,840.00	\$7,310.00
Mechanical Permit	\$3,895.00	\$4,490.00
Mechanical Insp.	\$3,725.00	\$4,260.00
Septic	\$3,920.00	\$2,690.00
Sign Permit	\$13,350.00	\$9,300.00
Auto Dealer Permit	\$3,100.00	\$1,300.00
Well Permit	\$210.00	\$60.00
Copies	\$77.00	\$17.25
Fire Dept. Revenue	\$390.00	\$940.00
Salvage Yard Licenses	\$300.00	\$300.00
Administrative/Misc. Fees	\$530.00	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$80,589.50	\$74,454.75



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While these numbers may reflect the current commercial economic downturn it should be noted that there has been a rise in the number of residential remodeling permits.

I look forward to the rejuvenation of the Plaistow commercial district. The newly designated Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) will hopefully be the stimulus that brings the downtown area back to a new vitality. Responsible redevelopment of our commercial district will be something we can all take pride in.

This office continues to provide a level of superior service to the Plaistow community. There is a great depth of knowledge and experience in my staff, Dee Voss, Office Manager; Ken Ray, Electrical Inspector; and Jim Flathers, Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector, all Plaistow residents, that I am very proud of. This office continues to communicate and interact with other Town of Plaistow boards and committees such as the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Highway Department, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Conservation Commission, all dedicated professionals and volunteers that Plaistow can and should be very proud of.

The Department of Building Safety is here to assist property owners with all their building questions and needs. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by or call us at 382-1191 X3 anytime!

Respectfully Submitted,

P. Michael Dorman, Chief Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer



The Department of Building Safety Truck Pulling the Emergencies Resource Unit in Preparation of the H1N1 Clinic Held at the High School in December 2009



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REPORT OF THE CABLE COMMITTEE

2009 started with us still reeling from the December Ice Storm. What better way to highlight the importance of local media/communications. We had to chase down the Selectmen at the Police/Fire Station and to enhance the message "scroll" with some basic survival information.

Plaistow has a dearth of reliable news venues. Plaistow Access Cable, Channel 17 is essential. That said, we would like to argue that it is also a source and instrument of Plaistow Pride. All we need is more volunteers who are willing to keep the stream filled with content. At the start of the year, new studio cameras and lights were received and installed. The old ones had lost their color fidelity and produced blue faces and green hair. They were deemed to be un-repairable, due to their age.

Two Committee members were unable to continue. Thanks to Dave Cantone and Maddie Marcotte for their service. Mickie Conte shot a program at the Vic Geary Senior Center and she edited it herself, with minimal assistance. "The Strummers" is currently playing and is listed in the new program guide. Other programs shot at the Vic Geary Senior Center, include "The Sea Shanty Singers" and more. We taped the Candidate's Night at the Library. Around this time, Dan Hooper made a PowerPoint slide show which we presented to the Board of Selectmen. It outlined many improvements to policies, procedures and programming. By April, we welcomed a new Committee member, Jay Deroche. The new

Leightronix video server was set up and the first programs were uploaded for automated playback. Several training classes were provided. A program was created to publicize the fund raising auction by the Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange. In April, the video server crashed and it was necessary to upgrade the software and firmware. Besides our locally produced shows, we also started to import other public access TV programs. Army News Watch, Political Chowder, Eat Right in NH, Granite State Outdoors and many others, were added to the playback, which is now on an automated program guide and is in the Carriage Towne News. Programs that highlighted Plaistow Pride included the Memorial Day parade and the Old Home Day parade, as well as the celebration of the renovation of the Town Hall and dedication of the Sargent Hall. Next, was the visit from the Governor, to initiate the new Economic Revitalization Zone.

Our Cable Coordinator and Station Manager, Bob Carolan, retired in mid year, after five years of service and the Committee would like to thank him for his service. Additionally, it was decided to move the studio from Route 125 to Town Hall. We all hope that this will make it a more central part of the Town. The move will be complete by April. How will this enhance Plaistow Pride? It's all up to you. We need you to volunteer to help make the new shows that will highlight our wonderfully unique town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Normand Bouchard (Cable Committee)



The Town Will Be Moving Out of the Cable Studio That is Currently Located on Route 125 in Plaistow. By May 2010, it Will Be Relocated to the Basement of the Town Hall



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REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is an adjunct to the Master Plan and like the Master Plan, it is strictly a planning document. The CIP committee is charged by the Planning Board to prepare an annual CIP to present to the Planning Board for approval and then to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to aid them in preparing the annual budget. The CIP committee is made up of members from the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and the Budget Committee. The Planning Board chairman also serves as the CIP committee chairman. The Town Planner and Town Manager support the CIP committee in preparation of the plan.

The CIP has estimates of capital expenditures over a 6 year period; the plan prepared in calendar year 2009 has estimates for 2010 through 2015 and is used to help prepare the 2010 budget (calendar year 2010) that is voted on at the March, 2010 Town Meeting. The CIP committee also reviews the capital reserve accounts set up for the purchase of large expense items such as fire apparatus, highway department vehicles, and long term building maintenance. The purpose of the review is to make sure the balances in the accounts are sufficient to cover the planned expenses in the 6-year planning period. The reviews for the highway and fire departments extend over longer periods of time that match the longest useful life of a piece of equipment.

The table below compares the proposed CIP totals with the budget totals (including warrant articles) and then calculates the percent of the total budget allocated for capital expenditures. The amounts shown reflect amounts proposed at Town Meeting and not those voted at Town Meeting. Also note that the amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

Year/Item	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
CIP Total	\$1081	\$1105	\$1350	\$957	\$1277	\$1233
Budget Total	\$7068	\$7521	\$7644	\$7479	\$8192	\$7298
Percent of CIP to Budget	15.36%	14.69%	17.66%	12.8%	15.6%	16.9%

When a CIP is in place and maintained, it allows towns to impose impact fees on developers. The purpose of the impact fee is to charge an up front fee from developers, at building permit time, a sum of money to help offset the additional capital expenditures required because of the new residential, commercial, or industrial growth. The Town of Plaistow has impacts fees in place for schools, recreation, public safety complex, fire suppression water line, and new subdivision roads.

The CIP also has two other important functions: maintain capital equipment and help to level the total budget. It is important to maintain our buildings so that small repairs can be made in a timely fashion and avoid large expenditures after problem that could have been fixed with a small repair, has deteriorated to the point where only a costly repair can fix the problem. This in turn avoids large increases in our tax bills. It is also important that our entire fleet of vehicles – rescue trucks, police cruisers, highway department trucks, etc. in good condition so that all employees can have confidence they will be able to perform their duties in a safe manner.

The CIP committee revamped the format of the CIP spreadsheet this year so that a complete review of department expenses, revenues, reserve withdrawals, and impact fee account withdrawal can be seen on the same page. This year with the help of staff, the CIP committee updated the CIP document as well as the usual update to the spreadsheet. This was a substantial amount of work over and above the normal effort



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required to just update the spreadsheet. The CIP document contains detailed project descriptions, project links to the Master Plan and some financial analysis about how the overall budget compares with the capital budget as depicted in the spreadsheet. There are also comparisons with the school district budget and capital budget. The goal is to keep this document updated on an annual basis.

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy Moore, Chairman



Halloween, 2009 – Staff Handed Out Candy for the Toddler Trick or Treat Event



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN

Highway Department	Master Plan Reference		2009 CIP Approved	2009 Town Appropriated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Chapter / Section	MP Project Number								
HIGHWAY EXPENSES										
Westville Road Bridge	Transportation	3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$85.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$500.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Garden Road Bridge	Transportation	3	\$625.0	\$0.0	\$680.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Highway Capital Projects/drainage	Transportation	3	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0
Road Surface Management Projects	Transportation	3	\$225.0	\$185.0	\$225.0	\$225.0	\$225.0	\$225.0	\$225.0	\$225.0
2000 International 6W Dump Truck	Community Facilities	1	\$160.0	\$160.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
1987 Ford Backhoe	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$70.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2004 F-550 Ford Dump Truck	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$60.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2006 F-350 Ford Pickup Truck	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2008 International 6W Dump Truck	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$160.0
Caterpillar 924 Front-end loader	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$120.0
(Reserve Deposit) - DPW Vehicles	Community Facilities	1	\$62.5	\$0.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES			\$1,132.5	\$405.0	\$1,186.0	\$411.0	\$391.0	\$851.0	\$351.0	\$631.0
RESERVE WITHDRAWALS										
2000 International 6W Dump Truck			\$144.0	\$144.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
1987 Ford Backhoe			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$70.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2004 F-550 Ford Dump Truck			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$60.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2006 F-350 Ford Pickup Truck			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
2008 International 6W Dump Truck			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$160.0
Caterpillar 924 Front-end loader			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$120.0
SUBTOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS			\$144.0	\$144.0	\$70.0	\$60.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$280.0
REVENUES										
Sale of vehicles			\$16.0	\$16.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$16.0
Highway Rev. Block Grant			\$126.5	\$131.1	\$131.1	\$131.1	\$131.1	\$131.1	\$131.1	\$131.1
State/Federal bridge aid			\$500.0	\$0.0	\$642.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$468.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES			\$642.5	\$147.1	\$778.1	\$136.1	\$136.1	\$599.1	\$131.1	\$147.1
IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS										
New Road Impact Fee			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NET EXPENSES			\$346.0	\$113.9	\$337.9	\$214.9	\$214.9	\$251.9	\$219.9	\$203.9



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Fire Department	Master Plan Reference		2009 CIP Approved	2009 Town Appropriated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Chapter / Section	Project Number								
FIRE EXPENSES										
(Reserve Deposit) - Fire Equipment	Community Facilities	1	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$88.0	\$88.0	\$88.0	\$88.0	\$88.0	\$88.0
Snorkel truck replacement with tower truck	Community Facilities	1	\$250.0	\$250.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Engine 7 (Estimate for purchase of used truck	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$300.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Rescue 6	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$150.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Command vehicle	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$35.0	\$0.0
Forestry 4	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES			\$330.0	\$330.0	\$88.0	\$88.0	\$388.0	\$238.0	\$163.0	\$88.0
REVENUES										
Sale of vehicles			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0.0
RESERVE WITHDRAWALS										
Snorkel truck replacement with tower truck			\$240.0	\$240.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Engine 7 (Estimate for purchase of used truck			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$300.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Rescue 6			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$150.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Command vehicle			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$35.0	\$0.0
Forestry 4			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS			\$240.0	\$240.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$300.0	\$150.0	\$75.0	\$0.0
IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS										
Public Safety - Apparatus			\$10.0	\$10.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Public Safety - Fire Department			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS			\$10.0	\$10.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
AMBULANCE REVOLVING FUND WITHDRAWALS										
Rescue vehicles			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL AMBULANCE REVOLVING FUND WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
FIRE DEPARTMENT NET EXPENSES			\$80.0	\$80.0	\$88.0	\$88.0	\$83.0	\$83.0	\$83.0	\$88.0



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Police Department	Master Plan Reference		2009 CIP Approved	2009 Town Appropriated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Chapter / Section	Project Number								
POLICE EXPENSES										
Cruiser/Related Equipment Replacement	Community Facilities	1	\$66.0	\$62.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0	\$66.0
ACO Vehicle	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$15.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Records Retention/Management	Community Facilities	1	\$16.0	\$16.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Replace Management Info Computer System	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$100.0	\$0.0
Automated Fingerprint Identification System	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$25.0
Communications Monitoring/Recording System	Community Facilities	1	\$10.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
(Reserve Deposit) - Communications	Community Facilities	1	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0
Less-Lethal Weapons	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$35.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Emergency Community Notification System	Community Facilities	1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Communications Radio Repeater Enhancement	Community Facilities	1	\$10.0	\$7.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Computer Hardware/Software Replacement	Community Facilities	1	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES			\$142.0	\$100.4	\$106.0	\$156.0	\$151.0	\$111.0	\$211.0	\$136.0
IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS										
Public Safety - Police Department - Records Maint			\$16.0	\$16.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS			\$16.0	\$16.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
REVENUES										
Revenue offset of sale of used cruisers			\$5.7	\$5.7	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6
SUBTOTAL REVENUES			\$5.7	\$5.7	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6
POLICE DEPARTMENT NET EXPENSES			\$120.3	\$78.7	\$97.4	\$147.4	\$142.4	\$102.4	\$202.4	\$127.4



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Town Buildings	Master Plan Reference		2009 CIP Approved	2009 Town Appropriated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Chapter / Section	Project Number								
TOWN EXPENSES - SAFETY COMPLEX										
Public Safety Complex Exp. (Architect)	Community Facilities	3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$70.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Public Safety Complex Expansion	Community Facilities	3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	*7,000.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Bond for Exp. Safety Complex	Community Facilities	3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$554.4	\$554.4	\$554.4	\$554.4	\$554.4
(Reserve Deposit) Public Safety Complex	Community Facilities	3	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Concrete Apron at Fire Department	Community Facilities	3	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - LIBRARY										
Library Bond (Final pay 2009)	Community Facilities	1988-VI-G	\$109.0	\$108.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - CABLE STUDIO										
Move Cable Studio to a different building	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Cable studio camera, lighting, edit equip, msg board - (Spent in 2008)	Community Facilities	NA	\$90.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - SALT SHED/HIGHWAY GARAGE										
Salt shed	Community Facilities	Highway Dept.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$110.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Highway Garage	Community Facilities	Highway Dept.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	*\$580.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Bond Highway Garage	Community Facilities	Highway Dept.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$74.0	\$74.0	\$74.0
EXPENSES - COURTHOUSE										
Paint the Courthouse	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$8.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Replace furnace at Court House	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$10.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - HISTORICAL SOCIETY										
Rooftop A/C Unit and Other Repairs at Historical Society	Community Facilities	NA	\$12.5	\$0.0	\$12.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0



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Town Buildings - continued	Master Plan Reference		2009 CIP Approved	2009 Town Appropriated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Chapter / Section	Project Number								
EXPENSES - TOWN HALL										
Emergency Power Generator	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Repave Horseshoe Driveway and Pathways around Pollard Park	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Repair Clock Tower	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$30.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - REC CENTER										
Beede/Cash Oil Reclamation Plan for Recreation/Community Center	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$350.0
EXPENSES - ALL BUILDINGS										
(Reserve Deposit) Building Systems	Community Facilities	NA	\$20.0	\$0.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES			\$306.5	\$108.3	\$350.5	\$609.4	\$574.4	\$648.4	\$648.4	\$998.4
TOWN BUILDING REVENUES										
Cable Revenue for Cable Building			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0
P.E.G. Cable Access Capital Reserve			\$90.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES			\$90.0	\$0.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
BUILDING RESERVE WITHDRAWALS										
Building Systems Reserve			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS										
PS Complex - Fire			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PS Complex - Police			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
TOWN BUILDINGS NET EXPENSES			\$216.5	\$108.3	\$300.5	\$609.4	\$574.4	\$648.4	\$648.4	\$998.4



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN (CONTINUED)

Town Hall Services	Master Plan Reference		2009 CIP Approved	2009 Town Appropriated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Chapter / Section	Project Number								
TOWN HALL SERVICES--EXPENSES										
Building Inspection Truck	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$22.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Tractor/Snow Blower Town Hall	Community Facilities	NA	\$8.5	\$8.5	\$8.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Town Hall Telecommunications	Community Facilities	NA	\$25.0	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5
Computers - Hardware & Software	Community Facilities	NA	\$3.5	\$3.1	\$3.5	\$7.5	\$3.5	\$3.5	\$3.5	\$3.5
GIS	Community Facilities	NA	\$7.5	\$4.5	\$7.5	\$7.5	\$7.5	\$7.5	\$7.5	\$7.5
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES			\$44.5	\$17.6	\$21.0	\$16.5	\$34.5	\$12.5	\$12.5	\$12.5
REVENUES										
Sale of vehicles			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
TOWN HALL SERVICES NET EXPENSES										
			\$44.5	\$17.6	\$21.0	\$16.5	\$29.5	\$12.5	\$12.5	\$12.5
WATER DEPARTMENT										
Master Plan Reference		2009 CIP Approved	2009 Town Appropriated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Chapter / Section	Project Number									
WATER LINES EXPENSES										
(Reserve Deposit) 125 system expansion	Community Facilities	2	\$240.0	\$116.2	\$180.0	\$116.2	\$240.0	\$240.0	\$240.0	\$240.0
Rt. 125 - Danville Rd, Jesse George Rd, and Rt. 121A to Walton Rd. (10044F)	Community Facilities	2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$523.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Rt. 125 - East Rd to Old Rd (10044G)	Community Facilities	2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$464.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Rt. 125 - Old County Rd to Kingston Town Line (10044H)	Community Facilities	2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$395.0
WATER EXPENSES - OTHER										
(Reserve Deposit) Pump Replacement	Community Facilities	NA	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$33.4	\$33.4	\$33.4	\$33.4	\$33.4	\$33.4
(Reserve Deposit) Pump House Replacement	Community Facilities	NA	\$25.0	\$0.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0
Pump Replacement	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$200.0
Pump House Replacement	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$150.0
Cell Tower work	Community Facilities	NA	\$30.0	\$0.0	\$20.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Water Department truck	Community Facilities	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$30.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES			\$395.0	\$116.2	\$781.9	\$174.6	\$298.4	\$762.4	\$328.4	\$1,043.4
WATER DEPARTMENT REVENUES										
Sale of vehicles			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL REVENUES			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$0.0
RESERVE WITHDRAWALS										
Water Line Reserve			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$487.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$464.0	\$0.0	\$395.0
Pump Reserve			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$200.0
Pump House Reserve			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$150.0
SUBTOTAL RESERVE WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$487.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$464.0	\$0.0	\$745.0
IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS										
Water Line Impact Fee			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$36.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$36.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
WATER DEPARTMENT NET EXPENSES			\$395.0	\$116.2	\$258.4	\$174.6	\$298.4	\$298.4	\$323.4	\$298.4



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Natural Resources and Recreation	Master Plan Reference		2009 CIP Approved	2009 Town Appropriated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Chapter / Section	Project Number								
EXPENSES - CONSERVATION										
Conservation Fund	Open Space & Recreation	Funding & Acquisition 1	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0
Acquisition of open space	Open Space & Recreation	Org & Mgmt 3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
EXPENSES - RECREATION										
Playground & Shelter	Open Space & Recreation	NA	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$125.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Equipment Maintenance at Smith Fields	Open Space & Recreation	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Skate Board Park	Open Space & Recreation	NA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.0
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES			\$105.0	\$5.0	\$130.0	\$105.0	\$55.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$55.0
IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS										
Recreation Impact Fee			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
CONSERVATION/FORESTRY FUNDS										
Conservation Fund			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Forestry Fund			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
SUBTOTAL CONSERVATION/FORESTRY FUND WITHDRAWALS			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION NET EXPENSES			\$105.0	\$5.0	\$130.0	\$105.0	\$55.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$55.0
GRAND TOTALS	Master Plan Reference		2009 CIP Approved	2009 Town Appropriated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Chapter / Section	Project Number								
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,455.5	\$1,082.5	\$2,663.4	\$1,560.5	\$1,892.3	\$2,628.3	\$1,719.3	\$2,964.3
	TOTAL REVENUES		\$738.2	\$152.8	\$836.7	\$144.7	\$154.7	\$612.7	\$149.7	\$155.7
	TOTAL IMPACT FEE WITHDRAWALS		\$26.0	\$26.0	\$36.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
	TOTAL RESERVE & OTHER FUND WITHDRAWALS		\$384.0	\$384.0	\$557.5	\$60.0	\$340.0	\$614.0	\$75.0	\$1,025.0
TOTAL NET EXPENSES			\$1,307.3	\$519.7	\$1,233.2	\$1,355.8	\$1,397.6	\$1,401.6	\$1,494.6	\$1,783.6



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REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

Another year and another thank you to all involved in the care and maintenance of the Plaistow Cemetery during the last year.

In 2009 there was only a total of eight lots sold, substantially less than in other years. However, there were eighteen funerals which is about normal for any given year.

Just briefly, I want to touch on the options available to anyone wishing to purchase and make arrangements for their family. People do not have to make arrangements in advance, however they may make their plans on a pro-need basis. It is simple as picking up the telephone and setting up an appointment to view and select a lot of your choice. By purchasing said lot you can relax knowing that in the future you have taken the burden off of someone else.

There are options available as to place and price. One option is a full burial and another is cremation, which is the choice of approximately 55% of the people. There is also the choice of whether one wants to go with the traditional funeral home or the use of the Cremation Society of New Hampshire.

Please feel free to discuss these options with me, as I would feel honored to help you with your decisions.

Looking forward to serving your needs in 2010 and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,
Herbert T. Reed, Cemetery Sexton



The Cemetery Shown Above is Located on Elm Street and is the Site of One of the Annual Stops Made During Plaistow's Memorial Day Parade



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REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

The Conflict of Interest Committee is dedicated to serving the citizens of Plaistow with Town Officials who operate in the best interest of the public to keep the Town clean, growing, and a safe place to live.

To date, no Petitions of Alleged Violations have been filed with the Committee.

Copies of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Bylaws, and the Petition of Alleged Violations Form may be obtained by writing to the Conflict of Interest Committee, PO Box 903, Plaistow NH 03865. The Committee also has an e-mail address at townofplaistowcoic@yahoo.com. This PO Box and e-mail address go directly to the Conflict of Interest Committee. All forms are also available at the Committee's regular monthly meetings. Petitions of Alleged Violations forms must be mailed to the Conflict of Interest Committee at the above noted PO Box only.

The Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Bylaws, and the Petition of Alleged Violations Form can also be obtained at the Town Hall or can be printed from the Town of Plaistow web site at plaistow.com. Also, the Plaistow Public Library has a copy of each that can be photocopied.

The Committee is still interested in forming a NH Conflict of Interest Group of area Towns who have a Conflict of Interest Ordinance or who would like to adopt an Ordinance of their own. Committees would share ideas and information on Conflict of Interest Ordinances and possible ways to make them better.

The Committee is available to interpret and/or discuss the COI Ordinance with citizens and Officials at regular meetings. Any suggestions on ways to improve the Ordinance will be taken under consideration by the Committee.

The Conflict of Interest Committee meets the third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM at the Plaistow Public Library. All regular meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

If interested in being on the Committee, please refer to the Conflict of Interest Ordinance and Bylaws for requirements of members and who can be a Member.

Members of the Conflict of Interest Committee in 2009 are Harry Birmingham, Chairman/Vice Chairman; Therese Chouinard, Secretary; and Ruth Santosuosso. There are two vacant positions this year. All have given of their time on this Committee for the Town of Plaistow.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese A Chouinard, Secretary



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REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The members of the Conservation Commission take a lot of pride in serving on the commission and its role in protecting and preserving the natural resources in Plaistow.

Education is always an important part of preservation and this year the Conservation Commission along with participation from the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts sponsored a tree-planting event on Arbor Day at Pollard Park. The Conservation Commission purchased a weeping cherry tree and a flowering chestnut tree that were planted as part of the Arbor Day event. The funds for the purchase came from the forestry fund.

The Conservation Commission also used the forestry fund to purchase 6 American Elm trees that were planted at the Old County recreation fields at locations determined to be optimal for not only healthy tree growth but at places where the trees do not interfere with on-going recreational activities but rather enhance the enjoyment and use of the fields. Thanks to the Recreation Director, Carlene Malette, and the Recreation Commission for their assistance and participation in this event.

The Conservation Commission participated in the annual Old Home Day celebration. At our booth participants could sign up for a raffle with each of 3 winners receiving a reusable shopping bag filled with energy efficient products such as CFLs, programmable thermostats, and low-flow shower heads as well biodegradable cleaning products.

Participants could also view our display of water and how to help protect both the quality and quantity of drinking water. It also described steps the Town is taking to properly manage storm water as part of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) storm water requirements. This part of the display was an important piece to help the Town meet the storm water requirements.

This year, as in prior years, we have worked closely with the Boy Scouts to help maintain the trail system in the Town Forest. Please see the special report on the Town Forest elsewhere in this years Town Report.

We continued our annual sampling of the streams, brooks, and rivers in Plaistow at 17 different points. Below are the results of the testing for nitrates and nitrites over the past 20+ years:

Sample Point	Test Type (mg/l)	1983 (mg/l)	1993 (mg/l)	2003 (mg/l)	2006 (mg/l)	2007 (mg/l)	2008 (mg/l)	2009 (mg/l)
Little River at the intersection of Old County Rd and Kingston Rd	Nitrates	< 0.10	0.5	0.56	0.34	< 0.20	< 0.20	< 0.20
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05
Little River at the Atkinson / Plaistow Town Line	Nitrates	0.14	0.5	1.34	0.53	0.59	0.38	0.27
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05

Note the "<" symbol means less than and gets reported when the available measurement techniques measure some quantity of a substance but it is so small that it can not be measured accurately. These points are often referred to as Minimum Detectable Limit (MDL) points.



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REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Continued)

The unit of measure for both nitrates and nitrites is milligrams per liter (mg/l). Drinking water standards require less than 10 mg/l for nitrates.

Although the water quality in our streams does not meet drinking water standards for some measures such as pH and coliform, neither does it pose a severe health risk.

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy Moore, Conservation Commission Secretary



*Earth Day, 2009 – Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald, Local Landscaper
Bill Bartlett, and Conservation Commission Member Jill Senter
Planting a Tree at the New Recreation Fields.*



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REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION – TOWN FOREST

The Town Forest is an excellent example of Plaistow Pride. As far back as the late 1970s and early 1980s Plaistow began purchasing land in the area of what is generally known as Frog Pond Woods. The Town purchased several parcels of land in the area and several more were donated to the Town to be used for conservation purposes. One of the initial uses proposed in a 1970s water study proposed that Kelley Brook be dammed and the resulting pond be used as a reservoir for a municipal water system. While the reservoir never made it beyond the proposal stage, the Town none-the-less kept the acquired land away from development pressures and continues to this day to acquire through easement or purchase parcels adjacent to those already protected. Fortunately, both Atkinson and Hampstead feel the same way and the combined acreage of the land from the three towns is close to 400 acres. Both Atkinson and Hampstead own land in Plaistow and the Plaistow Board of Selectmen has waived property taxes for both towns. Plaistow owns land in Atkinson and the Atkinson Board of Selectmen has also agreed to waive property taxes for Plaistow.

The Conservation Commission members in the 1980s started to define a Town Forest. This initial concept was advanced substantially in 1999 when the Conversation Commission hired Charles Marino, a registered forester, to prepare a Forest Management Plan for the parcels own by the Town in the Frog Pond Woods area and a 20-acre parcel adjacent to Old County near the top of the hill as you head towards Hampstead. This management plan was very well received by both the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen. The Conservation Commission later submitted the plan, with the permission of its author, to a group in Vermont that was sponsoring a contest to judge forest management plans. Our plan took 1st place and the prize, a boot jack, remains in the Town Manager's office today. The plan recommended doing a selective cut of approximately 75 acres and with the help of the forester, a logger was contracted to do this cut in the 1999/2000 time frame. The logging netted the Town about \$37,000 that was placed in a Forestry Fund that can be used to maintain the forest and conservation lands, promote and teach good forestry practices, and to acquire new lands through purchase or easement that would be added to the Town Forest. Most of that fund balance remains as of December, 2009.

In the same 1999/2000 time frame, the Boy Scouts from Troop 18 (sponsored by the Plaistow Fish and Game) approached the Conservation Commission about the potential for doing trail work in the Town Forest. It was the beginning of a cooperative effort that continues today. The scouts have done a dozen or more Eagle Scout projects in the Town Forest including: building and maintaining trails; building and creating bridges so that trail crossings of Kelley Brook can be easily accomplished; building and maintaining a wildlife observation platform; designing and installing a Town Forest sign at its entrance on Main Street; creating a trail map and markers and then building a kiosk to house the trail map; and putting the finishing touches on the parking lot and picnic areas.

The Conservation Commission created a set of regulations for the use of the Town Forest and they are soon to be approved by the Board of Selectmen which will then make the regulations official. A set of temporary regulations has been in place for a while, waiting for the final set of regulations to be prepared and approved. Throughout the 10-year period of working with the Boy Scouts, the Conservation Commission has been working toward an official opening of the Town Forest. This will finally happen in May, 2010. Nearly 40 years of careful stewardship and pride in the natural resources of Plaistow by dozens of volunteers and residents will be celebrated at this event. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy Moore, Secretary



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REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

I am writing this at the request of the Director of Emergency Management, Bill Scully, while he is on a leave of absence. We all miss him and wish him well and a swift return to his passion here at the Safety Complex and Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The Office of Emergency Management continues to work and coordinate with local, State and Federal agencies to prepare for any possible natural and/or man-made disaster, including public health emergencies. To that end, I anticipate attending as much available training as possible to stay informed and prepared to proudly serve the citizens of Plaistow if and when needed.

The year 2009 has been primarily focused on preparing for the possibility of an outbreak of H1N1 or commonly referred to as "Swine Flu." New Hampshire has been lucky thus far, with minimal cases being reported here. Our region in particular has conducted many practice drills in preparation should there be any outbreak. In December Plaistow's Health Officer, Dennise Horrocks, coordinated a very successful H1N1 vaccination clinic at the high school. She enlisted a number of volunteers from our town. I was proud to see our Plaistow team in action. Our citizens are in good hands.

As always the OEM recommends that we all remember the Boy Scout motto and "Be Prepared" for any possibility. The ice storms of 2008 still loom large in our collective memories and many of you have taken steps to be ready to go without power for extended periods of time. But have any of you thought about the possibility of being quarantined for a short time in the event of a health emergency? Each household should have an emergency plan and a disaster kit to be ready for any situation that may arise.



*H1N1 Vaccination Clinic Held at the
T.R.H.S in December, 2009*

If you think about it, you take precautions every day, not just when a snowstorm is coming. For instance, you wear your seat belt in the car just in case you are in an accident; you make your children wear helmets when they ride their bicycles in case there is a bump in the road. Are you prepared for natural disasters?

Preparing for emergencies is not new. Your grandparents probably had extra supplies in their home, like soap and shampoo in bathroom closet, onions and potatoes stored in the basement, and canned goods in the pantry. They understood the value and wisdom of having a little extra on hand for just in case there was an emergency.

All states have disasters, even New Hampshire. We have ice storms, tornadoes, floods and power outages. It is smart to prepare for the unexpected. You'll find many tips on the Town's website to help prepare and protect your family.

Respectfully Submitted,
P. Michael Dorman, Deputy Emergency Management Director



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REPORT OF FAMILY MEDIATION AND JUVENILE SERVICES

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services is a non-profit agency dedicated to serving the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Salem, NH. Our mission is to provide quality resources to youth and families in order to reduce delinquency and out of home placements, and to empower them as individuals, family members, and citizens of the community. Please visit us at www.fnjs.org to learn more about the programs and services we have to offer, at low or no cost, to residents and their families.

Our agency is financially supported by funding from the towns listed above and grants from The Rockingham County Incentive Fund, The Heritage United Way, and The State of NH Governor's Commission on Substance Abuse via the Sad Café. In 2009 we also received private donations, some of which were in memory of a local youth, some through different United Ways, and a donation from The Atkinson Women's Civic Club. Our Board of Directors, staff members, and volunteers worked tirelessly at fundraising events over the course of 2009 to raise enough money to sustain our programs. Texas Hold-em fundraisers held at Rockingham Park continue to make a necessary and significant contribution to the funds our budget requires. In addition, we sponsored a teen dance at Holy Angels with the Knights of Columbus, and a Manchester Monarchs game at the Verizon Center through the Heritage United Way.

2009 achievements included:

- ◆ We held 6 Challenge courses, 2 Stop Shoplifting courses, 4 Anger Management courses, and 2 Tobacco Education courses during the year.
- ◆ New referrals totaled 232 juveniles; a total of 2,542 parents and youth attended our programs and workshops during the year.
- ◆ 57 Youth performed 1,115 hours of service to sites in our community.
- ◆ We collected \$3,508.00 in monetary restitution.
- ◆ Peer Mediation trainings were held at Hampstead Hospital for 34 Hampstead Middle School children.
- ◆ Volunteer Mediators & Community Site Supervisors worked 1,436 hours for the youth and families we serve.

Special thanks to our Board of Directors, the Towns, grantors, fundraising sites, judges, police departments, schools, donors, mediators, community service supervisors, volunteers, staff, and the citizens we serve, who make it all possible.

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services Board of Directors:

Debra DeSimone, *Atkinson*
Rose Cavalear, *Atkinson*
Dick Gerrish, *Kingston*
Roclyn Porter, *Kingston*

Dale Childs, *Hampstead*
Natalie Gallo, *Hampstead*
Laura Bertogli, *Newton*
Kathy Marino, *Newton*

Marta Modigliani, *Danville*
Michelle Curran, *Plaistow*
Barbara Tavitian, *Plaistow*
Pat Macomber, *At Large*

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Huntley, Family Mediation & Juvenile Services



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REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The members of your fire department express their gratitude for your continued support this past year, particularly in allowing us to replace the Snorkel truck with a quality used aerial. We have spent numerous hours training with our new truck and put it through its paces during a significant fire on Red Oak Drive this past fall. We recognize that all of the Town's departments have specific needs and during this difficult economy you elected to support this large expenditure for the Fire Department. We believe we made the proper preparations through our capital reserve account to minimize the overall impact on the tax base for just such a purchase. Going forward, we hope that you see the value in maintaining and contributing to these reserve accounts, for all departments, as they are presented on the ballot.



Fire Chief John McArdle Playing in the Community Band

Although each member of the organization is deemed to be a unique asset, I am going to take a moment to recognize one individual who has been a member of this department for nearly 20 years, the last 9 of which as a member of our dayshift staff. Deputy Chief Jon Lovett has been offered and has accepted the position of Director of Advanced Life Support (ALS) for the Lawrence General Hospital. Deputy Chief Lovett was the first fulltime staff hired, coming on board under then Chief Don Petzold in September of 2000. Since that time, he has been pivotal in attaining of several significant accomplishments that have benefited not only our community, but those that surround us as well. Several years ago, we were able to certify our rescue services to the ALS level, on an as available basis. This has allowed the department to provide treatment and care over a much larger

spectrum of emergency conditions, often with very positive results for the patients. Additionally, we were able to collectively negotiate a contract for 6 towns utilizing a common ambulance provider, at no cost to the communities, thus saving on average approximately \$30,000 year. Plaistow has benefitted from this negotiation for the better part of the last 5 years, with no decrease on the level of service to the community. Under Deputy Lovett's supervision, our Rescue Squad has continually strived to meet a higher standard of care for our customers. The Town has been fortunate to have had the availability of Jon's exemplary paramedic skills at a bargain basement cost. We are hopeful that amidst his increased responsibilities at Lawrence General, he will still find the time to be an active member of our call department, continuing to provide the same high quality service we have become comfortably accustomed to. In closing, if you see Jon please extend a genuine thank you for his tireless efforts on behalf of the community and best wishes in his new position.

The accolades above notwithstanding, we are grateful for the commitment of every member of our department. Their dedication to the community is often at the expense of their own family's needs, be it during an event of historical magnitude as the 2008 ice storm, or more routine activities such as service calls and training. As our lives get busier and more complicated, time away from family is time lost with family. One of the more difficult aspects of being a member of a volunteer organization is the ability to commit the necessary time to maintain a high level of skill and proficiency, while answering nearly 1,000 calls for service. The spirit of giving back to the community is based in the pride each member carries in the job they do and the service they provide to their neighbor. Although this can be one of the most demanding services that one can volunteer for, it is also the most rewarding. On those occasions when we either save a life or property (or both), there is nothing that can replace that particular sense of accomplishment. In the members of your fire department it is appropriate to rightfully take great pride and admiration. In the service they provide we easily find not only a high degree of professionalism, but also one of great value.



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Every year, we experience several delays in reaching a resident because of improperly located (or missing) house numbers. To help us find you if you need us:

- Check to make sure your home is marked with numbers that are ***clearly visible*** from the street.
- Numbers should be at least 4" high and of a ***contrasting color*** to the material they are attached to.
- If you have recently painted or sided your home or apartment, make sure the numbers were reinstalled appropriately.

Remember, if you call 9-1-1, we may not know exactly where you live. Help yourself before an emergency. Take the time to see how easy it is to spot your house in the daytime and at night. See if your neighbors' homes are clearly marked. We will use their numbering to locate your house and vice versa.

If you have a teenager who might be interested in the fire or emergency medical services, we are a proud sponsor of a Fire Explorers post. This group of young men and women, from the surrounding towns, meet weekly to study and train to become firefighters and EMTs. Plaistow has had a highly successful Explorer program going back nearly 20 years and establishing the foundation for many who have chosen this rewarding profession as their career of choice. Besides getting hands on experience with our fire department, our Explorers are required to maintain high academic standards at school, thereby acting as an incentive to a maintaining a successful high school education. For more information on the Fire Explorer program, contact any member of the Department or stop by the Safety Complex.



***Fill the Ambulance with the
Lions Club and Wal*Mart***

It is my goal to continue to develop and advance your Fire Department to meet the continually changing needs of the Town, in a fiscally responsible manner. We are constantly looking at ways to improve how we deliver our services to the Town, gaining efficiencies in our day-to-day operations and maximizing our



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REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (Continued)

resources at the Safety Complex to meet the demands of the community. If you feel you might be interested in joining the department, or would like more information regarding our activities, please feel free to contact us at the Safety Complex or call 382-5012.

Finally, the Town is extremely fortunate to have a group of citizens that are focused on giving so much back to the community. Without their dedication and sacrifice, the department would cease to exist as we know it. The hours spent responding to alarms is only the tip of the iceberg as it relates to participating in this organization. I am publicly thanking them for their continued service and dedication.

Thank you, the citizens of Plaistow, for your continued support of your fire department. Without this support, we cannot do the job you expect of us. From the financial needs of operating the department to the compassion and respect you demonstrate to us when we are responding to calls, your interaction helps us to keep in focus as to why we exist as a vital part of our community.



TRHS Fatal Reality – 2009



Trash Truck Fire – Stateline Plaza

Summary of Fire Department Responses - 2009

<i>Type</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>#</i>
Auto Fires	8	Other (non-specific)	40
Boiler/Heater Malfunctions	7	Public Assists	20
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	22	Rescue	564
Fire Alarm Activations	107	Smoke Investigations	23
Hazardous Materials Incidents	1	Structure Fires	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents	82	Woods/Grass/Brush Fires	10
Mutual Aid (Provided)	36	Total Alarms	944
Odor Investigations	14		



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FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

Vehicle	Make	Year of Mfg.	New/Used Purchase	Planned Retirement (Year)	Estimated Replacement Cost (2008 \$s)
Command	Ford	2004	New*	2014	\$35,000
Engine-1	KME	2003	New	2027 (25 yrs)	\$400,000/\$175,000 (can purchase used)
Rescue-2	Chevrolet	2006	New	2016	\$150,000 (would not buy used)
Tower-3	Pierce	1991	Used	2030 (20 yrs)	TBD
Forestry-4	GMC	1994	New**	2014 (20 yrs)	\$40,000
Tanker-5	Pierce	1993	New	2018 (25 yrs) (to reserve)	\$450,000/\$200,000 (can purchase used)
Rescue-6	Ford	1994	New	2013	\$150,000
Engine-7	KME	1987	New	2012 (25 yrs)	\$400,000/\$175,000 (can purchase used)

* Vehicle was obtained through a donation from Eastern Development Corp. as part of the Home Depot site development project. No Town funds were expended in the procurement of this vehicle.

** Purchased with assistance from the Plaistow Firemen's Association.

25-YEAR ANALYSIS			
Vehicle	Make/Model	Number Units per 25-year interval	Estimated total cost per 25-year interval
Command	2004 Ford	2.5	\$87,500
Engine-1	2003 KME	1	\$300,000
Engine-7	1987 KME	1	\$300,000
Tower-3	1991 Pierce	1	\$400,000
Tanker-5	1993 Pierce	1	\$300,000
Forestry-4	1994 GMC	1.25	\$50,000
Rescue-2	2006 Chevrolet	2.5	\$375,000
Rescue-6	1994 Ford	2.5	\$375,000
TOTAL =			\$2,187,500
AVE PER YEAR			\$87,500

Respectfully Submitted,
John H. McArdle, Fire Chief



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REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department (382-5012) to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2009 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2009 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Cheshire	3	29
Coos	42	42
Grafton	11	35
Hillsborough	12	94
Merrimack	1	45
Rockingham	62	30
Strafford	2	3
Sullivan	20	10

*(Figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

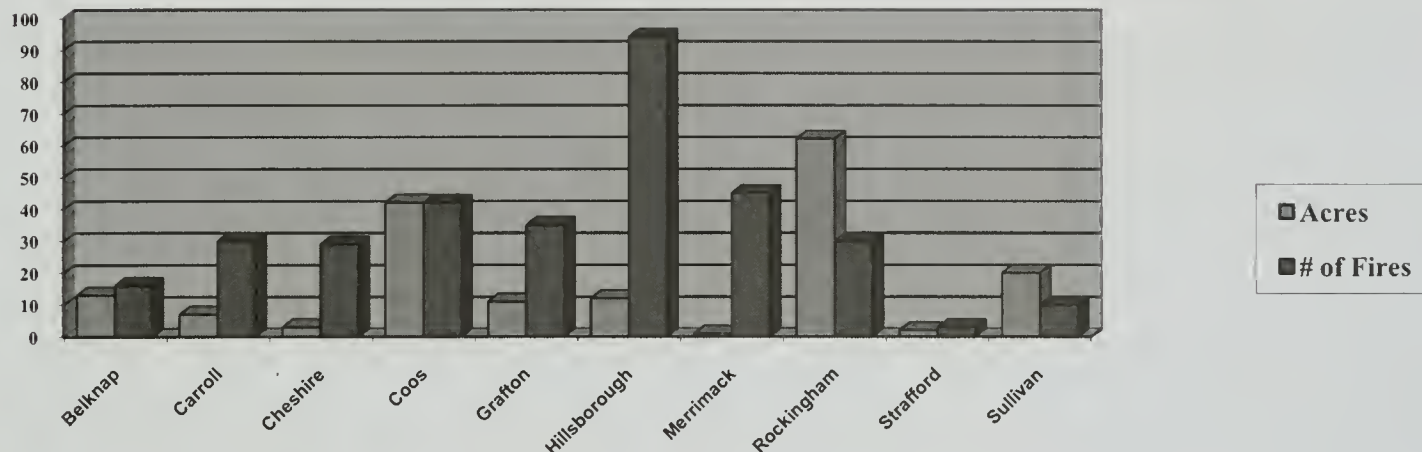


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REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER (Continued)



Causes of Fires Reported

Total Fires

Total Acres

Arson	4	2009	334	173
Debris	184	2008	455	175
Campfire	18	2007	437	212
Children	12	2006	500	473
Smoking	15	2005	546	174
Railroad	5			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	0			
Misc.*	91			

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Respectfully Submitted,
NH Forest Fire Warden

REMEMBER: ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE!





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REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISTRICT OF SOUTHEASTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Richard Hartung
Selectman, Hampstead
Chairman, Board of Directors

Chief Thomas McPherson, Jr.
Windham Fire Department
Chairman, Operations Committee

About the District:

The District's membership is made up of 15 communities of approximately 360 square miles with a population of over 180,000 people within the Route 93 corridor. Essentially the District is bordered in the east by Route 125 and the Merrimack River to the west. North and south borders are defined by Manchester, Route 101 and the Massachusetts state line. The District was formed in 1993 to develop a regional approach in dealing with the increasing amounts of hazardous materials being used and transported within these communities as well as to comply with federal regulations concerning preparing for chemical emergencies.

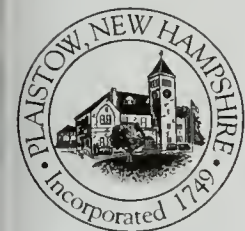
The District draws its funding from an annual assessment from each community as well as from grants and donations. In 2009 the District applied for and received federal grants for equipment, training, and operational expenses totaling \$109,600.00. The District's budget is administrated by an Operations Committee consisting of Chief Fire Officers from each community. In 2009 the District's Bylaws were amended to create an Executive Board of the Operations Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Technician Team Liaison, and one Member at Large. The Executive Board now manages the operations of the District within the approved budget. The Operations Committee is overseen by a Board of Directors consisting of elected representatives from each community, who approve the budget and any changes to the bylaws. The District employs a part-time REPC Director to manage the administration functions of the District, including grants management, financial management, and emergency planning.

The Emergency Response Team

The District operates a technical emergency response team. This response team is overseen by one of the member community's Chief Fire Officer who serves in the Technical Team Liaison position. The team maintains a four level readiness response posture to permit it to immediately deploy an appropriate response to a District's community's request for help involving an unplanned release of potentially dangerous chemicals within their jurisdiction. While the team primarily prepares for response to unplanned accidental chemical releases it is equipped and trained to deal with a variety of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) scenarios. The team maintains a host of specialized response equipment to deal with chemical and environmental emergencies.

The Emergency Response Team is made up of 39 members drawn from the ranks of the fire departments within the District. The team consists of 6 Technician Team Leaders, 28 Technician Level members, 5 Communication Specialists. In addition to members drawn from member fire departments, the team also includes members from various backgrounds that act as advisors to the team in their specific areas of expertise. These advisors include an industrial chemist, and several police officers.

The Team maintains a fleet of vehicles and specialized equipment with a value of close to \$1,000,000. The vehicles consist of a mobile Command Support Unit, 2 Response Trucks, 2 Spill Trailers, an Entry/Intervention Trailer and a Mobile Decontamination Trailer. This mobile apparatus carries the team's equipment which includes chemical detection and identification instruments, containment



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REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISTRICT OF SOUTHEASTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE (Continued)

supplies, plugging, patching and intervention supplies, communication equipment, computer based and other chemical reference guides as well as chemical protective equipment. The team equipment is store at various locations within the District, allowing for rapid deployment when the team is activated. Activation of the team is made by the request of the local incident commander through the Derry Fire Department Dispatch Center.

Response Team Training

In 2009, the Emergency response team completed 950 hours of training, during monthly training drills and specialized classes attended by team members. This training included confined space entry, hazardous materials operations, Level A entry drills, chemical detection equipment operations, chemical identification, facility familiarization, transportation emergencies. Additionally training was conducted with the NH National Guard 12th Civil Support Team and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

The Team also provided 192 hours of instruction to member fire departments, in various Hazardous Materials subjects, including on-scene operations and decontamination.

Emergency Responses

In 2009 the Team responded to 21 incidents within the District. These incidents included requests for technical assistance for member departments where a Response Team Leader provides consultation to the fire department on the handling of an incident. Additionally team responded to several incidents including, the identification of spills of unknown substances, substantial hydrocarbon spills, containment of chemical spills as well as providing mobile command post support to member departments during large scale incidents.

For further information about the Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials District please visit our website at www.senhazmat.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Board of Directors, Southeastern NH Hazardous Materials District



Plaistow Firefighters Extinguishing a Car Fire



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REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Since 2001, Plaistow has participated with nine other towns in planning for public health emergencies. Atkinson, Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Plaistow, Salem, Sandown and Windham are part of a preparedness collaborative, the Southeastern NH (Greater Derry) All Health Hazards Region. Representatives from each of these towns, as well as partners from school districts, community organizations, hospitals, amateur radio emergency service, community emergency response teams (CERT), the Regional Coordinator, and others, meet monthly to organize our planning activities and to develop a comprehensive, regional all-hazards public health response plan. Recognizing that a major public health threat-such as a chemical spill or disease outbreak-could quickly overwhelm the resources of a single town, we have planned to coordinate efforts and resources to provide essential public health services to all our towns during a public health emergency. As all public health is local (i.e. impact at the community level), the response to public health emergencies needs to be mobilized within our region with limited state assistance.

Our All Health Hazards Region (AHR) has tested components of our public health response plan and trained together in tabletop exercises and Point of Dispensing (POD) exercises to develop experience with organizing and conducting mass vaccination clinics, a critical component in some public health emergencies.

Discovery of a New Strain of H1N1 Influenza Virus

In April 2009, a new influenza virus was first detected in people in the United States. This virus was contagious and could spread from person-to-person in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread. Like seasonal flu, illness in people with H1N1 varied from mild to severe. Since there is little or no immunity to this new influenza A virus, the virus could spread easily and rapidly worldwide. On June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that a pandemic of 2009 H1N1 flu was underway. The declaration of a pandemic was an indicator of how widespread the transmission of the virus was, not its severity.

Cases increased over the summer months, a time of year in which influenza cases are not typically seen. The growing concern was what to expect in late fall and winter when seasonal influenza typically appears. Would we see more cases, and would they be more severe? Since this new virus seems to affect school-age children disproportionately, what can we expect for illnesses in our regions' children? How would increased absenteeism affect families, schools, businesses and normal activities? Would a vaccine be available in time to be beneficial? Since vaccine was still being developed, what precautionary measures could we make happen *now* to decrease transmission in the community?

Prevention and Control

Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the NH Department of Health and Human Services encouraged *prevention and control*: educating the public on what *they* could do to prevent the flu! Numerous campaigns began to emphasize the importance of staying home when sick until symptom-free for 24 hours, utilizing proper cough and sneeze etiquette, not sharing personal items like drinks, food or utensils, frequent hand washing, getting the vaccine for seasonal flu, and once available, getting the H1N1 flu vaccine. Additionally, our schools were participating in surveillance activities with The State Division of Public Health Services by monitoring and reporting cases of influenza-like illnesses (ILI).

Our school district nurses, administration and technology staff played a critical role in our regional response to this public health emergency and were committed to the overall effort.



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REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Continued)

The Plaistow Health department began public information and outreach activities on flu prevention measures. Daily conference calls with the NH Dept. of Health & Human Services provided direction on specific actions and responsibilities required for response to this public health emergency.

In October, when the H1N1 vaccine finally became available, NH had already developed a vaccine distribution plan that would target CDC identified priority groups (those most at risk) to receive the first shipments. Once these targeted populations had been vaccinated, the vaccine would become available to expanded targeted populations, and eventually to anyone who wanted it.

As more vaccine became available, and more targeted populations received vaccination, we moved into the next phase of the distribution plan, which was providing H1N1 vaccine at appointment- only, community based clinics. On December 9, 2009, the State requested that AHHR's schedule and open a clinic before the December school vacation week. In other words, *by December 23rd!* We needed to plan quickly to make this happen.

Overwhelming Regional Response

The Timberlane Regional School District, partners in our AHHR agreed to let us set up a clinic in the high school cafeteria. In order to assure things ran smoothly, and did not interfere with holiday and athletic events at the school, the only available date before school break was Saturday December 19th. Could possibly be a daunting task to seek volunteers for the Saturday before Christmas! On December 11th, the Plaistow Health department sent out a mass email to request volunteers to assist at the clinic on December 19th. Volunteers were needed to assist in clinic set-up, as greeters, screeners, registration workers, clinic flow control, and clinic break down. (Vaccinators would be provided through a State-funded contract.). The clinic would operate under the Incident Command System (ICS).

As the next several days passed, volunteers were responding in numbers! Meanwhile, planning for the actual clinic operation continued, including a walk through of the clinic area to determine staging, inventorying supplies, ordering food, assigning job duties, advertising, scheduling appointments, obtaining the AHHR supply trailer and delivering it to the site, etc. Our regional partners continued to recruit volunteers, and we had response from schools, fire, emergency services, nurses, health, selectmen, students, medical reserve corps, and citizen's emergency response teams.

The final numbers show over 55 people volunteered for the Timberlane H1N1 clinic, along with 20 vaccinators, a total of 75 workers obtained in only 8 days! The clinic successfully vaccinated over 470 people in 3 hours! That is an amazing 157 people per hour! These numbers are an encouraging indicator that in the event of a major public health event that may require mass vaccination, Plaistow and our regional partners are prepared for such an event. We can be proud that so many dedicated individuals are committed to assuring the health and well-being of the people in our region.

I want to thank my co-workers, and all our regional partners for your assistance with this event. A special thanks to the Timberlane School District for your cooperation and support, and to Garrett Simonsen, our Regional Coordinator, for your guidance and expertise.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennise Horrocks, Plaistow Health Officer



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REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Plaistow Highway Department personnel remained the same in 2009, Dana Rabito, Foreman, Aaron Shea, Laborer, Andy Jones, Laborer, and me, Daniel Garlington. With assistance from hired outside contractors, we followed through with several projects in 2009, with some of the major ones being noted throughout this report.

2009 was a very busy year with weather related issues. As we all know, the winter weather was again relentless. That really takes its toll on Highway personnel, outside contractors, town equipment, and of course, the budget.

Once we got past the winter weather, we had to be creative with summer time spending keeping in mind the Town's cash flow status. One of those ideas was to have the mowing of the ball fields on old County Road done in house by the Highway

Department. We went out and lease/purchases two commercial size mowers. This really made a difference.

Moving from spring to summer, we had all the town streets swept to remove any leftover debris from the past winter season. This was done by F.B. Hale from Hudson, NH.



One of the Vehicles of the Highway Department



Highway Supervisor Dan Garlington Attends a Meeting at the EPA Offices in Boston

Realizing that just about every resident had "ice storm debris" we opened the landfill early & often to allow the cleanup to happen. The pile that resulted was ground up by Pro Bark of Plaistow for free and it was recycled into a secondary fuel source.

Summer was a very busy season for the Highway Department. Along with the mowing of the Recreation fields, we had lots of brush cutting to do, lots of our own ice storm cleanup, and numerous street sign installs & repairs.

Other projects completed in 2009 were dug out roofs at Old County Road, landscaping stones around Town Hall, tree work on Major Lane, and several catch basin repairs.

In late November, we hired N.E. Storm Water Management of Nashua, NH to clean 479 of the 498 town maintained catch basins. This removes a years worth of debris from the basin and also gives us one last chance to inspect it before winter.

In closing, I can not complete this report without expressing my sincere thanks to all the residents of Plaistow for all their support with my budget and warrant articles, all my hired contractors, the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and most of all, to my men and their families. The concept of all these people working together is what makes Plaistow a safer place to live and visit.



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HIGHWAY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE				2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Vehicle	Make/Model	Serviceable Lifetime (Years)	Estimated Cost per Vehicle						
6 Wheel dump truck	2000 International	9	\$160,000						
6 Wheel dump truck	2008 International	8	\$160,000						X
Dump truck	2004 Ford F-550	7	\$60,000		X				
Pick-up truck	2006 Ford F-350	7	\$40,000			X			
Front-end loader	2001 Caterpillar 924	15	\$120,000						X
Backhoe	1987 Ford	20	\$70,000	X					

HIGHWAY DEPT EQUIPMENT RESERVE CASH FLOW	Balance Carried Forward	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Deposit		\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000
Interest							
Withdrawal		\$70,000	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$280,000
Balance	\$0	\$46,705	\$52,705	\$78,705	\$144,705	\$210,705	(\$3,295)

20-YEAR ANALYSIS			
Vehicle	Make/Model	Number Units per 20-year interval	Estimated total cost per 20-year interval
6 Wheel dump truck	2000 International	2.5	\$400,000
6 Wheel dump truck	2008 International	2.5	\$400,000
Dump truck	2004 Ford F-550	2.9	\$174,000
Pick-up truck	2006 Ford F-350	2.9	\$116,000
Front-end loader	2001 Caterpillar 924	1.33	\$159,600
Backhoe	1987 Ford	1	\$70,000
		TOTAL=	\$1,319,600
		AVE PER YEAR	\$65,980

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Garlington, Highway Supervisor



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REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

During 2009, the Highway Safety Committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, met monthly to discuss agenda items of importance to the Town's public safety. Of particular note, is an on-going Main Street Calming/Corridor Study by the Rockingham Planning Commission tasked to find ways to lower speed on Main Street and encourage trucks to seek an alternate route. The Committee also approved the Police Department's application for various enforcement grants during the year and completed revisions to Chapters 181 and 205 of the Town's Code.

The Committee, during the year, also discussed various enforcement regulatory items on the agenda, to include posted speed limits on local roadways, signage, and parking restrictions. Also of note, the Committee interacted with Building Inspector Michael Dorman in the design and traffic flow of the new Haseltine Avenue/Main Street intersection. One area of considerable ongoing interest to the Committee is installation/rehabilitation of existing sidewalks to promote pedestrian safety. A State grant is pending regarding installation of a sidewalk along Greenough Road from the High School to Cumberland Farms.

The Committee members, comprising Town Department Heads, are grateful to the citizen volunteers to the Committee for their input and desire to improve Plaistow and wish to acknowledge Ernie Sheltry, Dan Travaglini (*resigned*), Lisa Withee, and Richard Latham for their involvement.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief of Police Stephen C. Savage, Chairman



*Police Chief Stephen Savage Enjoys
Memorial Day with His Son, Billy*



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REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The theme of "Pride in Plaistow" truly resonates in the work of the Historical Society. This year we have promoted the preservation of Plaistow's history, in many ways. Volunteers meet at the Museum on most Thursday mornings, from 10 am to Noon. We hope you can stop by sometime. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Everyone is more than welcome. Our first meeting of 2010 will be March 16th. This year we moved the 1861 Fire Handtub, into the center of the museum, to free up some corner space for a book nook and reading area.

We are very pleased that Paul Holmes received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of New Hampshire Historical Societies. Paul's recognition was for his work on the Archeology of Plaistow, over the years. Please stop by and check out his wonderful collection of Native American and early colonial artifacts. A highlight of the year is always Old Home Day. Last year it was as much fun as we could bear. This year will be even better. Save the day – Saturday, June 26th. We had two special programs, last year, from grants with the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The first was, "Witches and Pop Culture" and the other was a presentation by Yankee Magazine contributor and author Edie Clark. We hope to have more of these programs in the coming year. Alden Palmer, gave us a talk on a popular local service organization called "The Deodorized Order of the Skunk". Paul Holmes spoke on his close call with Polio. We lost our stalwart Secretary and volunteer, Catherine O'Brien. The employment crunch led to her husband having to accept a job in the Atlanta, Georgia area. We really miss her. 2009 was our second year of participation in the Toddler Trick or Treat, sponsored by the Recreation Department.



We are very grateful to Mike Smith for our great website – www.plaistohistorical.org. We are also grateful to Mike for his creation of a computer program to enable us to do accessioning of new artifacts and pictures. Mike also helped us to resolve a difficult and confusing problem regarding our status with the I.R.S. We helped out with a letter, requesting assistance with a grant for the Town Clock. We have received some miscellaneous donations from people for help with their genealogy projects.

We are in the ongoing process of cataloging and accessioning objects and documents that are related to Plaistow's past. Old photographs also are being identified, scanned into computer storage, and indexed for easy retrieval. What happens today is tomorrow's history. Any artifacts, papers, and photos that pertain to Plaistow are welcome donations to the society. Our website is continuously being updated with Plaistow historical anecdotes and other information. All are welcome to visit us at www.plaistowhistorical.org. We can be reached via email, info@plaistowhistorical.org, or by phone: 603-382-1675.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J. Carolan, President



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REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In early January, our long time Human Services Coordinator, Nicole Carr, resigned much to our disbelief. We had temporary assistance from Danielle Forsyth of Sandown, NH, who then left in May, leaving a vacancy filled by other Town Staff. The basic services have been met during a difficult transition.

Plaistow has experienced double digit unemployment, many foreclosures and job losses. Individuals and families looked to the Town for direction, resources for help and referrals. We helped several stay in their homes with mortgage modifications and help from other agencies that specialize in that area.

The basic responsibilities of the Human Services Department are outlined in RSA 165:1 and states that "Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or not he has a residence there". Unlike State and Federal Assistance that have limited responsibilities and more time to process applications, the Town has greater short term responsibilities. The majority of residents that approach the Town for assistance are in an emergency situation and need shelter, heat, power or food that day.

RSA 165 provides a set of minimum standards that must be met to assist a resident. The local Human Services Department is often the only assistance that will help residents out of an emergency situation. The Town of Plaistow focuses on assisting residents in rebuilding their lives. Through case management, the Town is able to aid residents in restoring themselves to an independent status, often renewing their outlook on life and rejuvenating their desire to begin the rebuilding process.

The duties that are outlined in RSA 165 are considerable but are not boundless. A person applying for assistance must meet a set of guidelines for assistance. The Board of Selectmen approves the guidelines each year, most recently in October 2008. Clear guidelines can avoid misunderstanding in decisions rendered. The guidelines exist to prevent arbitrary decisions, yet remain flexible so that special needs, such as medical situations, are considered. The Board of Selectmen also approves allowable levels each year. Allowable levels are reviewed yearly to insure that the needs of the applicant are met and the numbers used are not artificially low.

The basic formula that Human Services Coordinators use is: *basic need - income/available assets = the amount of assistance*. The need formula is applied to a household as a whole. When a household is approved for assistance, a voucher is used to pay for rent, heat, electric or food. Cash is never given from the Town to an applicant. Local assistance involves looking at the whole picture. It is designed to assist a household through a difficult circumstance and return the household to self sufficiency. It is the Human Services Coordinator who leads the applicants on a path to personal and financial renewal.

Many people are not aware that the assistance the Town provides to residents is not an outright grant. Under RSA 165:20-b, a resident is expected to repay the assistance they received when they return to an income status that allows this to be possible without creating a financial hardship. If the resident owns property in Town, a lien is placed on the property until the funds are returned to the Town.

It has been another busy year for the Human Services Department assisting residents. Requests for financial assistance continue to remain steady, with support provided for rent, heat, electric, food and other basic maintenance needs. In 2009, 185 residents made contact with the Human Services Department, 51 were granted assistance and 185 were referred to additional public and private agencies for assistance. Requests for financial assistance continue to increase, with support provided for rent, heat, electric, food and other basic maintenance needs. In 2009, the Town of Plaistow budgeted \$64,034 and spent \$25,750.



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In addition to administering the general assistance budget, I oversee annual Town contributions to area organizations. These organizations are a valuable asset to all residents in Plaistow. Many of these organizations offer free or income-based services. Each agency is asked to submit an application for review in the fall. Through this multi-question application and personal interaction, I determine my recommendation to continue, increase or decrease funding. The services provided by these organizations are available to all residents. For more information please see The Human Services Department page on www.plaistow.com.

We, town staff, express our thanks and admiration to the many individual citizens and organized groups who continue to serve this community unselfishly. We are extremely proud to share community efforts helping our neighbors during difficult times. Due to your donations of time, money, services and goods, you restore pride through humility.

HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW

Human Services Agency

Family Mediation and Juvenile Services
Rockingham Visiting Nurses and Hospice
Rockingham Community Action Program
Sexual Assault Support Services
Pregnancy Care Center
A Safe Place
Seacoast Child Advocacy
Center for Life Management
Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels
Retired Seniors Volunteer Program
Greater Salem Caregivers
Vic Geary Senior Center
Lamprey Health Care
SeaCare Health Services
Greater Derry/Salem Transportation Services
Community Health Services
Sad Café

Services Provided to Plaistow

Youth & Family Resources
Community Based Health Care
Fuel Assistance, WIC, Etc.
24-Hour Crisis Hotline
Crisis Pregnancy Services
Domestic Violence
Safe Child Abuse Evaluation
Mental Health Services
Meals to Seniors and Disabled
Age +55 Transportation
Senior & Disabled Trans. Services
Senior Center
Medical & Transportation Services
Affordable Health Care
Transportation Service
Medical/Prescription Services
Adolescent Programming

Respectfully Submitted,
Town Staff



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REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

The Plaistow Public Library served a record number of patrons and circulated a record number of materials to the residents of Plaistow during 2009, making both counts the highest numbers in our library history. The library also experienced an amazing number of donations from individuals, community organizations, and community businesses thus allowing us the ability to provide the services needed for such an overwhelming participation. The statistical chart at the end of the report will also point out that the number of times the meeting rooms were used and the number of participants in programs offered by the library also increased tremendously, in some cases by 100% over the previous year. All of this was possible to achieve because of the combined effort of community support and excellent staff participation along with guidance from the Board of Trustees.

Collection Development

The inventory project continued throughout the year with a goal of completing the inventory of the entire library by the end of 2010. It was noted that large print materials have become increasingly popular so the collection was increased significantly. Mysteries also were very popular so there was a focus on purchasing a larger percentage of mysteries to meet the demand. It is interesting to note that the adult collection and the children's collection circulated approximately the same number of materials and young adult books have increased in circulation dramatically over the past few years.

Technology

The library did not purchase any new hardware during 2009 due to a limited budget. The EPA donated a computer to the library both for researching the Beede Waste Oil project and for general public use thus bringing the total number of public access computers up to nineteen. The Plaistow Lions generously donated the software "Zoom Text" and Rick Blair donated his time and expertise to load the software onto an existing library computer. This software allows complete low-vision access to computer applications such as word processing, email and the Internet. The staff has been trained to guide a patron with low vision through the beginning steps of the software and there is also a tutorial within the program.

The library website, www.plaistowlibrary.com continues to evolve as the needs for the website change. There are plans in the works to revamp the site in 2010 in order to make it more interactive and user friendly. The library joined Facebook in 2009 and has a Twitter account so please join us on these sites for the latest library news.

Programs and Activities

The Summer Reading Program, "Summer Time and the Reading Is Easy", was wildly successful with 46 programs held within a six week timeframe. There were 1,445 attendees for these programs which was a 94% increase over the previous year. There was an average of 250 people per week using the library just for summer reading events. The most amazing statistic culled from the program was that the number of books read for the summer increased by 100% over the previous year! It was very rewarding to see the number of businesses and community members who stepped up and volunteered their services and goods so that the library could offer such a successful program. There were twelve local businesses, five local community organizations/ individuals, six talented people and one dog who donated time and goods for our programs held during the summer.

Story hours continued to be a staple in the children's area, offering programs for children six months through preschool. There also were programs for the homeschoolers including a "Young Author" series which spanned a wide age group from young children to retired seniors that belonged to the Passaconaway Quilters and produced several original books and illustrated quilts. The library also joined with the Plaistow



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Recreation Department to share resources and provide several excellent programs during the year as well as participation in the summer reading program.

The monthly adult book club, "The Crime and Culinary Society", began in July and its members had the pleasure of not only being introduced to new authors but also tasting the talents of several wonderful cooks. Card making and holiday programs continued to remain popular with the adults and were very well attended. In total there were 202 programs offered by the library with an attendance of 3,384 patrons. A very busy year, indeed!

Gifts and Grants

The library received two grants this past year from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The first grant was used in conjunction with the Plaistow Historical Society for an adult program entitled "Liberty Is Our Motto" and the second grant was used for a program presented on the "History of Quilting".

The Friends of the Library held their annual Holiday Fair in November with great success. The proceeds from the fair allow the Friends of the Library to purchase the five following museum passes which may be checked out by Plaistow library card holders; The New England Aquarium, Children's Museum of New Hampshire, Seacoast Science Center, Strawberry Banke, and the Peabody Essex Museum. The Plaistow Friends of Rec generously donated a pass to the children's museum, Imagine That. All of these passes along with the passes supported by library donations, Boston Museum of Science, Currier Gallery of Art and the Museum of Fine Arts, admit patrons to the museum at a reduced admission which amounts to a considerable savings. In fact, the maximum patron savings for the passes circulated during 2009 was \$11,926.00. Thank you to all who generously support these passes. All the museum passes may be reserved on line through our library website www.plaistowlibrary.com

Volunteers continued to provide support through a variety of means. The ongoing book sale was organized and maintained by volunteers as well as many, many children's activities. The adult collection was inventoried by a faithful volunteer and weekly volunteer visits helped keep the collection tidy and in order. There were 571 volunteer hours donated to the library in 2009 and without those hours we would not have been able to provide the level of service we did to the residents of Plaistow. Thank you.

Staff

The library had nine staff members who served the public; Laurie Houlihan, Library Director; LuAnn Blair, Assistant Director/Director of Youth Services; Marjorie Knowles, Interlibrary Loan; Judy Meunier, Cataloger; Anita Micale, Head of Circulation; Flo Rullo, Circulation Desk; Kelli Lennon, Circulation Desk; Noelle Giragosian, Student Aide; Amanda Plante, Student Aide. These nine people comprised 4.9 FTE (full time equivalents) and handled a circulation of almost 70,000 and interacted with over 54,000 patrons. It is with pride and gratitude that I recognize their dedication and support as the staff was the major factor responsible for such a highly successful year. Thank you to each and every one. Also, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Board of Trustees who continued to support and encourage all our efforts throughout the year. Their recognition of the staff and the work performed was greatly appreciated.



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LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR 2009

	2008	2009
GENERAL SERVICE		
Hours of Service per Week	54 Hours	54 Hours
Registered Patrons	3,461	3,931
Total Annual Visits by Patrons	50,448	54,096
Staffing (2 full-time, 5 part-time, 2 student aides)	4.9 FTE	4.9 FTE
Days Open	295	290
Meeting Room Use	1,041	1,170
(Mary Nelson, Barbara Barratt, Study Rooms)		
LIBRARY HOLDINGS		
Total Materials in Collection	45,558	46,074
Materials Added to the Collection	2,412	2,994
Materials Withdrawn from the Collection	487	2,478
CIRCULATION		
Total Circulation	66,369	69,430
Ill Borrowed	974	1,057
Ill Lent	785	880
Museum Passes Used	293	297
PROGRAMMING		
Total Programs Sponsored by the Library	159	202
Total Program Attendance	2,217	3,384
Summer Reading Programs Sponsored by Library	33	51
Summer Reading Program Attendance	745	1,445
COMPUTER USE		
Adult Computer Use	9,020	9,694
Children/YA Computer Use	2,036	1,792
VOLUNTEERS		
Volunteer Hours	400	571

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Houlihan, Library Director



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REPORT ON MOSQUITO CONTROL

The mosquito control season in 2009 was certainly remarkable. The spring and many of the summer months were rainy and cold, setting the stage for an active Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) season. As a result, all aspects of mosquito control were challenging. More time and effort were dedicated to larviciding as wetlands had a steady supply of water resulting in extensive larval activity.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis had a record breaking year in 2009. Activity was found reaching across the entire southern portion of the state, extending as far north as Moultonborough. New Hampshire's only reported human case occurred in Candia, although multiple veterinary cases were confirmed throughout the state. Mosquitoes carrying EEE were found in 32 communities, including Plaistow. Positive pools were also found in neighboring Newton, Kingston, East Kingston, Danville, and just over the border in Massachusetts.

The proposed 2010 Mosquito Control plan for Plaistow includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are located in stagnant water such as swamps, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes begins in June. The control program ends in late September or early October when temperatures drop.

Homeowners can reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yard by emptying any outdoor containers that hold standing water such as buckets, trash barrels, and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in bird baths every two or three days.

If you're new in town and do not want your property treated for mosquitoes, then a written request is needed. Please send a letter to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your wetland may be treated. Anyone who sent a written request in 2009 may call the office to reaffirm your request. Our phone number is 964-8400. You may call our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, the insecticides we use, spray dates, or questions about EEE and WNV.

For more information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus, visit the NH Department of Health and Human Services online at www.dhhs.state.nh.us or the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah MacGregor, President
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.





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REPORT OF THE OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Old Home Day is a true symbol of New Hampshire's enduring traditions. In 1899, Governor Frank West Rollins designed a week of agricultural events, known then as Old Home Week. One hundred and five years later communities throughout the country have adopted this New Hampshire based tradition by celebrating Old Home Day. This special day is designed to reunite current and past neighbors, while celebrating the uniqueness of individual towns.

The Town of Plaistow has successfully preserved the traditions of the past, while infusing an element of current customs into the Town's Old Home Day event. The Town holds Old Home Day on the last Saturday of June each year with the goal of the event to provide fun, food and festivities to residents and visitors alike. It is a special day to socialize and enjoy the cultural benefits of living in a New England community like Plaistow.

The Old Home Day Committee once again experienced a number of changes in 2009. The biggest change to Old Home Day was the budget cut. Unfortunately the economy took its toll and our fireworks were completely cut from the program. The parade budget was also cut by a third. Luckily Bill Lohnes from the Lions was still able to pull off a great parade. Tami Smith remained the Chairman. Wendy Bush became the new co-chairman and remained the contact for the vendors. Mande Bush joined the committee to take over the Baby Contest. Haley Bush joined the committee and created the "Guitar Hero World Tour Competition".

This year we tried hot air balloon rides but the wind did not cooperate and the rides were cancelled. The car show was held at the high school during the day and there were approximately 60 cars. Trophies were given out to the winning cars in each category. The Friends of Plaistow Recreation sponsored a Cow Patty Bingo and JR Olympics at P.A.R.C on Sunday. Despite the weather they had a good turn out. The Plaistow Fire Department took possession of the trophy this year at the "Hero's on the Diamond" softball game.

The 2009 Old Home Day also enjoyed the presence of the first Miss Greater Plaistow represented this year by Miss Krystal Miller. Miss Miller was crowned the first recipient to hold the title of Miss Greater Plaistow, representing the Town of Plaistow. Miss Miller led the Children's Parade and was available all day for meet and greets and photo opportunities.

This year the committee was fortunate enough to have a few extra volunteers. We were able to get three kids from the Historical Honor Society from the high school to help out during the day. We also had many family members and friends of the committee dedicate their time to Old Home Day. Without all our volunteers the day would not run as smooth as it does. The Committee meets once a month beginning in January through June at the Plaistow Town Hall. The public is always welcome and volunteers are always needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tami Smith, Chairman





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REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee (PATAC) was formed as a grass roots organization in 1990 with charter members from Plaistow and all surrounding towns as well as representatives from Rockingham Planning Commission, NH State transportation officials, and local transit companies. A 3-phase goal was established to 1- create a Park and Ride lot at Westville Rd and Route 125, 2- establish Plaistow to Boston express commuter bus service and 3- extend the MBTA service from Haverhill to Plaistow. The 1st 2 goals were obtained in the mid 1990s and the 3rd goal is still on hold. A Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant was obtained by PATAC to help fund the MBTA station. This grant of federal money was later modified such that it could be used to fund a Plaistow train station for either an MBTA stop or an AMTRAK Downeaster stop.

2009 was a pivotal year for rail in New England including New Hampshire as well as Plaistow. In August the Conference of Northeast Governors sponsored a rail summit where the transportation commissioners from each of the New England states made a presentation about their state's portion of a multi-state application for grant money available through the Federal Rail Authority (FRA) and funds made available by the American Resource and Recovery Act (ARRA), commonly known as "stimulus money". The New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority (NHRTA) and the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) worked together on the submission from New Hampshire. The application was for planning money to study what will be required to extend the proposed NH Capital Corridor service (Concord, NH to Boston, MA) to White River Junction, VT. This would be part of the overall goal of restoring Boston-Montreal service via high speed rail. The Northern New England Rail Passenger Authority (NNERPA) and the state of Maine also submitted an application for funding the extension of the Boston-Portland service to Freeport and Brunswick, ME. Station construction at both of these locations is nearly complete so Maine is well on the way to get this service underway.

Plaistow Rail Station Update: The MBTA has been under pressure for several years to move their layover station (where the Haverhill line commuter trains are stabled at night) out of Bradford. This project was well underway until the Massachusetts budget crunch and the reorganization of various transportation agencies into a single Massachusetts Department of Transportation took center stage and put all projects on hold. This reorganization was completed on November 1, 2009 and the MBTA now has renewed interest in getting the layover facility relocation completed. Optimistically this could be completed in 2010, but 2011 is probably a more realistic schedule. The preferred site for the layover facility is at the former location of Westville Homes and very close to the proposed location of the Plaistow rail station.

A team of local and regional officials made a presentation to the NHRTA about the layover relocation and Plaistow rail station. The presentation was well received and there was a consensus of NHRTA directors to support the Plaistow project. The team was made up of the Plaistow Town Manager (Sean Fitzgerald), the Plaistow Town Planner (Leigh Komornick), the Plaistow Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer (Mike Dorman), a Senior Transportation Planner from Rockingham Planning Commission (Scott Bogle), the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce president (Jim Jujuga), and the Massachusetts State Senator (Steven Baddour) who represents Haverhill, Lawrence, and Methuen and who also chairs the Massachusetts Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.



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REPORT OF THE PLAISTOW AREA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE **(Continued)**

The Town of Plaistow submitted a request to amend the scope of the previously awarded CMAQ grant to include the following:

- 1) change the construction of a rail platform to an enclosed rail station,
- 2) purchase land for a rail siding adjacent to the existing Park and Ride lot and where the enclosed station would be located,
- 3) money to install the rail siding and associated switching,
- 4) money to purchase equipment so that the diesel engines at the layover facility will not have to idle unnecessarily during the cold weather, and
- 5) replace the operating subsidies part of the grant with the ability to purchase capital equipment in exchange for operating subsidies.

The CMAQ application with these requested amendments is due in April 2010 with grants to be awarded in 2012.

Route 125 Update: Construction will resume in 2010 with the next phase of construction – the Danville Rd, Old Rd, Jesse George Rd, and Main St intersections as well as the jug handle on the east side of Rt. 125 across from the intersection at Walton Rd. It is expected the construction will take two years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy Moore, Chairman





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REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Plaistow Planning Board is an important elected municipal board comprised of five members – four elected citizens and one Selectmen's representative appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Similar to the economic trends, 2009 was not an exceptionally busy year. While Plaistow remains a desirable Town to live and work, the demand for new residential homes has been reflected in the slow planning and building activity. Likewise, commercial growth has been "sluggish" and the number of vacancies in existing plazas and buildings has increased.

In light of this, and in order to facilitate economic growth along the Route 125 Corridor, the Town of Plaistow, through the New Hampshire Division of Economic Development, applied for and received approval, for the designation of an "Economic Revitalization Zone" (ERZ) that extends from the NH/MA state line northward to the Plaistow/Kingston Town Line. ERZ's were established by the State of New Hampshire Division of Economic Development to stimulate economic redevelopment, expand the commercial and industrial base, create new jobs, reduce sprawl, and increase tax revenues within the state by encouraging economic revitalization in designated areas.

On Friday, November 6, 2009, at 11:30 a.m., the Town of Plaistow held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the newly designated Economic Revitalization Zone designation. The event took place on the second floor of the Plaistow Town Hall. The Honorable Governor John Lynch spoke, as did State Representative Norman Major, Phil Plante, of the Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange (PACE) organization, and Dan Poliquin, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The public was invited.

As part of the press release for the event, Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald is quoted as saying: "Plaistow is fortunate to have the powerful support of Governor Lynch and Commissioner Bald as we seek to bring new ideas and supportive initiatives that promote and enhance the economic vitality of Plaistow. As one of the busiest commercial corridors in New Hampshire, Plaistow can—and must be—a strong economic engine to help New Hampshire and the region reach its economic and civic potential. This designation will go a long way towards enhancing a stronger, healthier economy along Route 125, while protecting the high quality of life for Plaistow's residents."

Through the designation of the new Economic Revitalization Zone, the Town of Plaistow hopes that there will be greater opportunities for underutilized and deteriorated properties to be partially or completely redeveloped. The ERZ Zone has been created as a tool to attract and retain businesses in this targeted area so that Plaistow can strengthen itself and ultimately find its potential for meaningful development. Redevelopment activity will be beneficial in securing opportunities for economic and business development and in the increase in local employment.

In addition to economic development activity, the Planning Board is charged with review and approval of residential and commercial development, including site and subdivision plan reviews, lot line adjustments and the development and amendment of zoning and regulations of development activity. The Planning Board is also responsible for maintaining the town's Capital Improvement Program and Master Plan.

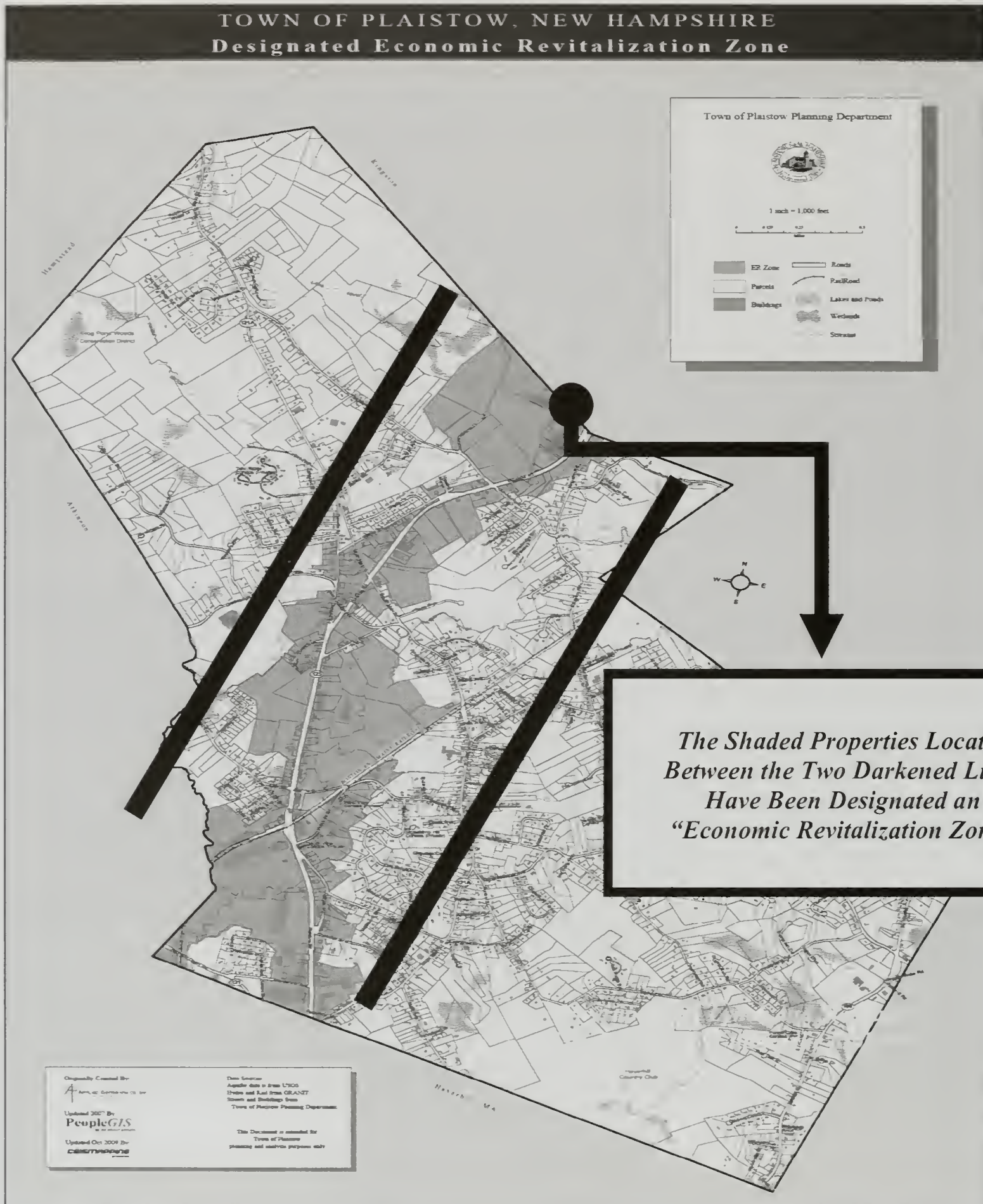


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REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT (Continued)

During 2009, the Planning Board proposed and adopted numerous Master Plan, Zoning and Regulation amendments. Highlights include:

- ❖ Requirement for driveways in residential districts to be located within the frontage of the lot to comply with the rear and side setbacks.
- ❖ Requirements for storm water.
- ❖ Economic revitalization zone along Route 125.

Also throughout 2009, the Planning Board reviewed and approved numerous subdivision, site plans and minor site plan applications. Highlights include:

Plans and projects reviewed by Planning Board January through June, 2009:

- ❖ Approval of a site plan to allow for a mixed use by adding 3,664 square foot commercial building to a lot located at 19 Danville Road which already contains a 1,080 square foot 4-bedroom single family residence.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan for the redevelopment and construction of a "Town Fair Tire" on the existing site with drainage, utility and landscape improvements located at 42 Plaistow Road.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan to construct a 2,688 square foot, 2-story residential unit with a small art studio with room for instruction of 5 art students, and a in-law unit at 92 Newton Road.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan for a condominium conversion for a duplex located at 9 Birch Street.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan for a change of use from a professional office (realtor) building to a dentist office and professional offices at 89 Main Street.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan for a mixed use for a residential home with a retail(fabric and curtains)/service (sewing)business located at 86 Main Street.
- ❖ Numerous Public Hearings on a final site plan application for a 35 unit Elderly Housing Project that will have access to it through an extension off Hillcrest Avenue.
- ❖ Approval of a change of use site plan from an existing dry cleaners business to an insurance agency for the property located at 128 Plaistow Road.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan for the conversion of an exiting 2-family apartment building into two condominium units for the property located at 18 Elm Street.
- ❖ Approval of a lot line adjustment plan for the transfer of 2,224 square feet of area from parcel Tax Map 24, Lot 38, to become part of the Hazeltine Street Right-of-Way (Town of Plaistow).



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- ❖ Approval of a site plan for a proposed mixed-use development of a parcel resulting in residential and commercial/retail use for property located at 115 Main Street.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan amendment for the proposed addition of 1,440 square feet to the existing "Colonial Auto Body" shop located at 231 Main Street.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan for the conversion of a single family residence into a dog kennel/day care facility totaling 4,750 square feet for property located at 118 Sweet Hill Road.
- ❖ Approval for use by the Universal Charitable Gaming at Sawyer's Banquet Hall.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan for the conversion of an existing retail building and existing multi-family residential building into two condominium units for the properties located at 25 & 27 Garden Road.
- ❖ An initial Public Hearing on a site plan application for the construction of a new 3,200 square foot building to be used as an auto body shop that will be merged with an existing 2,800 square foot multi-family residence that will be converted into accessory office and storage space for the auto body shop on the property located at 38 Westville Road.
- ❖ The revocation of a site plan previously approved for Kidder Concrete Cutting and Coring, Inc. for the property located at 22 Danville Road.
- ❖ The revocation of a site plan previously approved for the expansion of an existing business (Seacoast Tent) located at 5 Chadwick Avenue.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan for the conversion of an exiting 4-bedroom duplex building into two condominium units for property located at 5 Shady Lane.
- ❖ A discussion with Frank Berube of Brookside Chapel regarding an As-Built Site Plan.
- ❖ Review of additional paved parking at the Vic Geary Center.
- ❖ Approval of a lot line adjustment plan for two properties located at 182 Main Street and 4 Old Road, Tax Map 29, Lot 32.
- ❖ Approval of a site plan amendment to revise a plan previously approved by the Planning Board for the property located at 29 Garden Road.
- ❖ A Preliminary Public Hearing on a design review application for a proposed 40-Unit Elderly Housing Complex Project for the property located at 62-64 Garden Road.
- ❖ An initial public Hearing on a subdivision of a property located at 166 Plaistow Road.
- ❖ An initial Public Hearing on a site plan review application for additional septic on a soon to be subdivided parcel located at 166 Plaistow Road.



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REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT(Continued)

The Master Plan continues to be updated and in order to facilitate this process, a subcommittee has been established. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was also significantly updated this year including both text and the spreadsheet. This process involves months of meetings of the CIP Committee which is made up of representatives of the Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Planning Board, with staff assistance from the Town Manager and Town Planner.

Increased traffic along Main Street continues to be an important planning issue and will continue to be addressed in the coming year. The Rockingham Planning Commission has been hired to conduct a study of Main Street from Hazeltine Street through the northern connection with NH Route 125 to its intersection with NH Route 121A at Kelly Road. Main Street provides a parallel route to NH Route 125 that bypasses many of the traffic signals and congestion, making it a popular alternative to drivers. Because of this, more traffic travelling at high speeds and truck traffic continues to increase on Main Street. The goal of the study is to develop a plan of improvements for Main Street to reduce the traffic impacts and to slow the traffic down. Main Street hosts Plaistow's historic town center which is an area that is envisioned to become more of a "Village Center."



Steven Ranlett
Chairman of the Planning Board

The possible extension of rail service into Plaistow by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) also continues to be investigated and studied. Much work has and must continue to be done to determine the feasibility of this public transportation option.

The NHDOT Route 125 widening project will also continue in 2010 with the reconstruction of the portion of the roadway from Walton Road to Danville Road occurring in 2010. A public hearings was held on the final design of this project in 2009.

The Planning Board was joined by a citizen who volunteers to serve as an alternate. The Planning Board meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. If you are interested in becoming an alternate, please feel free to contact Leigh Komornick, Town Planner, in the Planning Office at 382-7371, Ext. 14 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or, visit her upstairs on the third floor of the Town Hall!

The following citizens served on the Planning Board in 2009:

Steven Ranlett, Chairman
Timothy E. Moore, Vice Chairman
Larry Gil
Peter Bealo
Robert Gray, Selectman Ex-Officio
Charles Lanza, Alternate

Respectfully Submitted,
Leigh G. Komornick, Town Planner



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REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In preparing various segments of information for this report, it became quite clear that the Town's biggest asset are the many talented, often-unheralded Police Department employees who go about their daily tasks with little notice or fanfare. A large number of the staff have been together as employees of the Town for well over 20 years. The measurable successes within the Department are largely due to their devotion to daily tasks and assignments.

A significant achievement in late 2009 was the installment of laptop computers in all of our patrol vehicles. We estimate that the Federal Grant cost to be approximately \$50,000. This project enables us now to conduct criminal warrant checks locally, regionally, and nationally from our cruisers. As well, individual officers can complete criminal reports and accident reports without leaving their vehicles, thereby improving on our visibility and efficiency. Coincidentally, patrol officers can also activate their cruiser light system by voice command, an unheard of piece of technology 20 years ago. This project took approximately 18 months to accomplish. Deputy Chief Kathleen Jones was singularly responsible for implementation and she is to be commended by all for her vision, patience, and thoroughness.

Over the past year, our Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) consisting of Sgt. Patrick Caggiano, Detective George Wickson, and Detective Nicolas Fiset (part-time) conducted a number of complicated felony-level investigations as evidenced by the statistics below:

Special Investigation Unit Cases from January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009			
Assaults/Sexual Assault	12	Secondhand Dealer Licenses	11
Burglary/Robbery	12	Pawn Transactions	15,000
Theft/Receiving Stolen Property	58	Sex Offender Registrations	9
Fraud	28	Calls for Service	925
Drug	104		

Our narcotic cases have escalated and have resulted in the dismantling of numerous drug enterprises in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We have seized over 15lbs of marijuana (\$19,500) in one case and over a kilo of cocaine (\$32,000) in another. Our unit has seized over \$688,000 in cash and assets during the year.

Our Prosecutor, Assistant County Attorney Jill Cook and her Legal Assistant, Paula Quigley, processed and prosecuted 1,132 cases in the District Court catchment and filed 1,790 complaints against various defendants. The Victim Witness Advocate, April Aucoin, assisted the Prosecutor and victims alike by offering services to 422 clients during the year. Services include referrals on domestic violence, assaults, family crisis, and victim restitutions.



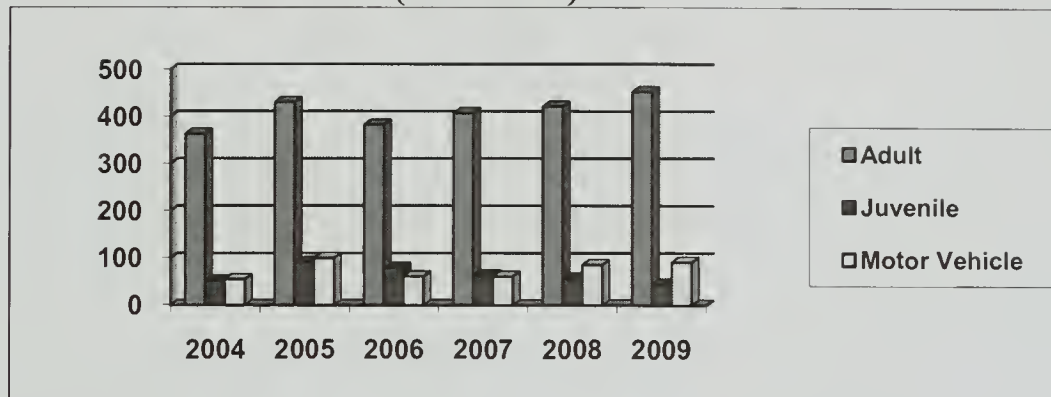
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REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (Continued)

SIX YEAR ARREST COMPARISON (2004-2009)

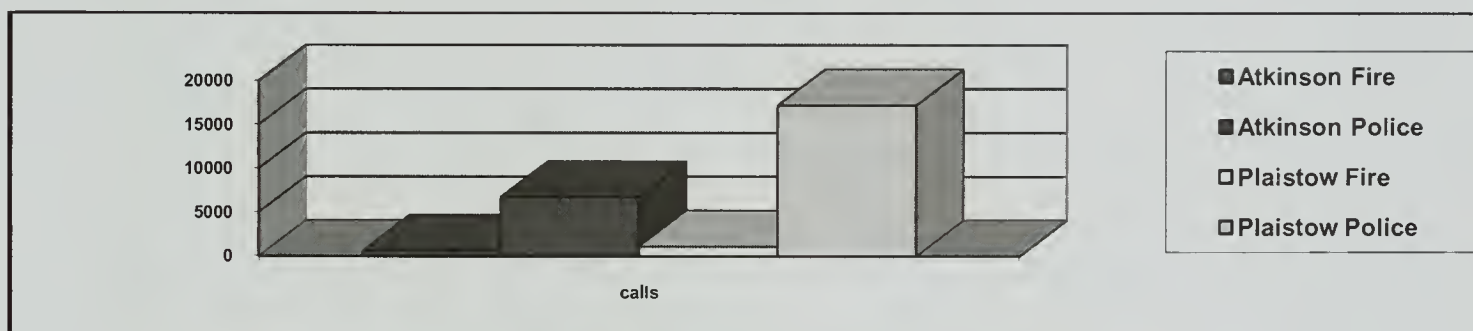


Our support staff, Executive Secretary Sarah Gibbs, Secretary Jen Page, and Records Clerk Wendy Ventura is our rock-solid foundation for the Department assisting members and citizens alike with records requests, pistol permits, personnel requests, purchasing, inventory, payroll, vendor payments, and court scheduling to name a few. Our efficiencies in these areas are the result of having a competent, dedicated group of staff that simply know their jobs and do them exceedingly well.

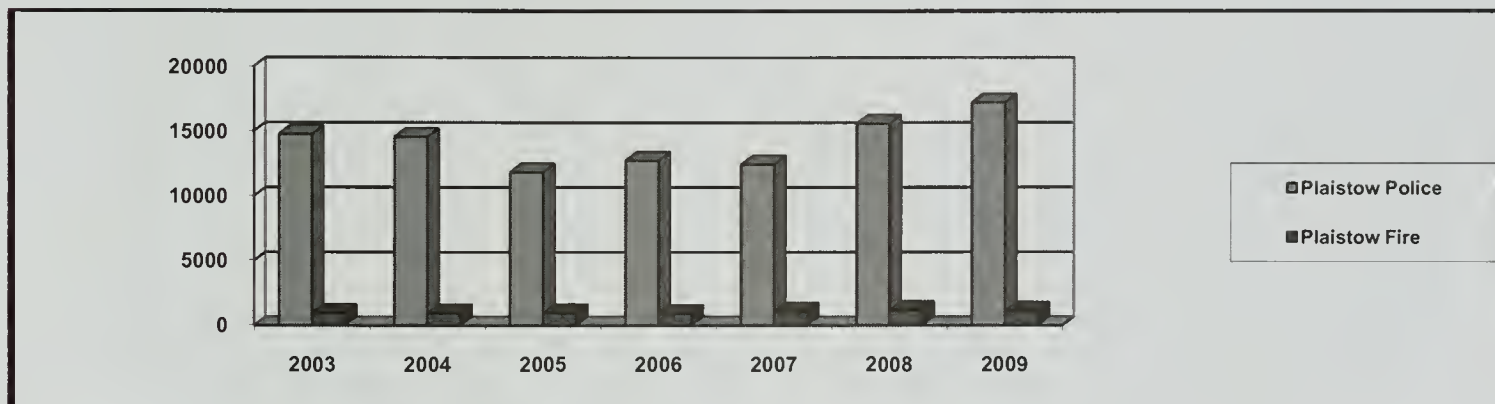
Master Patrol Officer Alec Porter finished his training transition with new dog, Kraken, by graduating from Narcotics Detection School in December. We are excited at the investigative possibilities with a new dog.

The Communications Center, representing over 55 dedicated years of collective service to the Town, report the following 2009 totals, which represent an increase of 1,600 calls for service over 2008. Reasons for increases in calls for service can be myriad, ranging from the economy to simple growth.

CALLS FOR SERVICE – 2009



CALLS FOR SERVICE – 2003-2009





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Although we faced financial challenges in 2009, we still emphasized training as evidenced by our members amassing 2,488 man-hours in this endeavor. We refuse to allow outside influences to cause us to sacrifice this critical component of public safety and thus increase our liability exposure.

The Animal Control function by David Sargent continues to be a visible, productive service to Town residents. He can be seen usually on weekends patrolling in his truck (unless on a call-out) while occasionally stopping and talking with residents out for a walk with their dogs. He, along with the Town Clerk's Office, assisted in licensing 1,234 dogs in the Town in 2009 and he handled approximately 463 other calls for service, a busy, necessary job although only part-time.

Crime Statistics for 2009			
Murder/Manslaughter	0	Alarms (Police)	795
Burglary	38	Assaults	65
Theft/Robbery	267	Sexual Assaults	44
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	Traffic Citations	361
Criminal Mischief	135	Motor Vehicle Stops	6,883
DWI	16	Domestic Calls	109
Motor Vehicle Accidents	469		

As we closed out the year, we reflected on our accomplishments during a very financially stressful period. We finally added a School Crossing Guard at the High School very late in the year, made changes in our link to the Town's website by adding Twitter, continued to grow our Special Investigations Unit in cases and resources, strengthened our Records Management project, added cruiser laptops mentioned elsewhere in this report, and showcased our newly-minted Honor Guard. As a Department, we are at full-strength in our Patrol Division and Communications. A better group of hard-working men and women you couldn't find. Often overlooked and frequently criticized for what they do or don't, each of them is to be commended for making Plaistow safe. Remember, that they are paid for what they are PREPARED to do each day, not what they do.

We, as a Department, look ahead with cautious excitement as we enter a renewed planning stage for a much-needed police facility in a foreseeable year. We encourage taxpayers to join us in this plan, an eventual solution to our over-crowding, by asking probative questions to understand the need and watch our progress by reading our building committee reports on the Town's website. Feel free to approach any of us any time for more information.

Let's continue to stay committed to each other as we do with our families each and every day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen C. Savage, Chief of Police

"A lie has speed, truth has endurance." - Edgar J. Mohn



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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE

During 2009, the Public Safety Complex Building Committee met several times in an attempt to examine a number of site locations for a new stand-alone police facility. Grown out of the current Public Safety Complex, the Police Department is seeking a new home that maximizes site potential. While not completely divorced from considering the current site, other options seemed attractive as well. Nearing the end of 2009, the Committee appeared convinced that a stand-alone police facility appeared more viable than an addition to the current Public Safety Complex. The move to a dedicated site would then allow expansions of the Fire Department into the vacated space and/or potential occupancy by other Departments.

A power point presentation was made to the Board of Selectmen in the late fall to illustrate existing building deficiencies and the need to aggressively find alternative solutions. As a result, the Town, through the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee, has agreed to present a Warrant Article in March, 2010, for a police site feasibility study in the amount of \$25,000. It is the hope of the Committee that the study will help address the issue of stand-alone versus addition and possibly select an appropriate site. It is hoped that the voters will agree to the funding allowing forward momentum.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief of Police Stephen C. Savage
Chairman, Public Safety Complex Building Committee





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REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The 2009 Plaistow Athletic Recreation Complex (P.A.R.C.) was up and running from April to November, our first full season. The concession stand was open for the enjoyment of all who came to P.A.R.C.. Timberlane Youth Lacrosse and Timberlane Junior Football used the facility which provided these two organizations with a place to play and help generate revenue to offset the costs at P.A.R.C. We take pride in having such a nice facility for our town to use. Hearing comments at games like "I wish our town had a place like this for games" is an extremely nice comment to hear. A BIG thank you goes out to the Plaistow Highway Department. This year they acquired the job of mowing and grooming the fields at P.A.R.C.. Dugouts at all three fields and bridges over our stream were also built by the Highway Department. Our facility has never looked better. Thank you for the pride you take in your work and our fields, we appreciate all you do.

Our Summer Recreation Program worked on 4 Community Service projects for our Plaistow residents. The campers held a penny drive raising \$180.00 to benefit the Plaistow Lions Christmas Children Less Fortunate Program. Over 150 cards were made for Meals on Wheels homebound senior lunch program to be delivered with their meals. We also held a food drive for the Holy Angels Food Pantry which was very successful and greatly appreciated. Lastly our new project this year was "fill a backpack" for back to school. We filled 18 backpacks for children that were not going to have school supplies in Pollard School and the Timberlane Middle School. These backpacks contained everything from pens, markers and calculators to notebooks and folders. Smiles were put on many childrens faces. Our community service projects are something that we take great pride in, the campers also love to help out. They are so proud when they bring in their items. Thank you parents and businesses that support us in our community service projects, it means a lot.

In 2009 Summer Recreation teamed up with the Plaistow Library bringing back our Summer Reading Program. Every Thursday parents could drop their child off at the library, summer counselors would meet them so they could participate in library programs, and take out books to read. First Student Bus Company in Plaistow donated a bus to pick up the campers and staff to bring them back to the recreation field. This program was utilized by 40 children weekly. The summer recreation campers went on many exciting trips and participated in a wide variety of activities. The first month of the program was solid rain so we were at Pollard School. We have an extremely competent staff that worked hard to provide the campers with new activities daily to make up for the rain. Thank you Pollard School custodians for accommodating us and working with us to make our summer great for the campers.

Plaistow Little League was formed in 2009, which is a very exciting time for baseball. The weather brought forth many challenges in the spring for all our teams. We had 17 baseball teams and 7 softball teams in the spring. Baseball played and utilized the fields at P.A.R.C. right through the summer. Many children were able to extend their seasons giving the children additional playing time with their friends. Softball also plays a full spring schedule then they move into summer tournament play. The softball field at P.A.R.C. needs some additional work on drainage. We are addressing the issue now and hope to see a solution in 2010. Thank you to all the volunteers that sit on the Little League and Softball Boards. Without your help we would not have the programs we have.

Seniors are traveling all over New Hampshire on trips. We went on the MV MT Washington in Wolfeboro, checked out Parkers Maple Barn in Madison, NH, visited Indian Head Resort in Lincoln, and attended Singin' in the Rain at the Ogunquit Playhouse along with many others. In 2009 the Vic Geary Knitters supplied Mealey's Meals at the Timberlane High School hats, mittens and scarves for those less fortunate. The knitters love helping out the community. Health awareness has been a great addition to our programming. Plaistow Recreation sponsors monthly socials and teas at the Vic Geary Center. We are



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fortunate to have the support of the Timberlane Middle School Student Senate under the direction of 7th Grade School teacher Susan Sherman come to our specials. They help with set up, clean up, and bring favors and door prizes for the seniors. What is valued the most by the seniors is the company and friendship the Student Senate brings. The Senate takes pride in helping out and they value our senior citizens. Thank you very much for your support.

2009 was a tough year financially for many in Plaistow. The need at Christmas time was greatly increased for both the children and the seniors. Recreation worked with the Plaistow Lions Club to fill the needs of many. Giving trees were placed in the following: TD Bank, First Baptist Church, Stillwells Ice Cream, Recesso Physical Therapy, Town Hall, Plaistow Post Office, Wal Mart and the Plaistow Library. Donations from Home Depot, Hills Insurance, Granite Fields, Plaistow Fish and Game, and Wal Mart helped accomplish this need. Thank you to all who bought gifts from the trees and to all the businesses that helped make this effort a success.

Friends of Plaistow Recreation had their first fundraiser dance in 2009. This event brought out many residents for a night of fun and friends. This is going to become an annual event. They have been working hard fundraising for a playscape to be put out at P.A.R.C. Work is in being done to determine the best location and to determine the ground work to install it. Thank you Friends, for all the work and effort.

The Recreation Department in Plaistow has so much to take pride in. I take pride in the people of Plaistow and all they do for our Town, coworkers in Plaistow, and working together to achieve goals, our summer staff that is with our children for 6 weeks, all the volunteers that I cannot do without and being able to work with each and every one of you to keep improving Recreation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carli Malette



***Staff of the 2009 Plaistow Summer
Recreation Program***



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REPORT ON RECYCLING

(RECYCLING, TRASH AND LANDFILL INFORMATION)



CURBSIDE TRASH: is picked up on a weekly basis. All curbside trash must be bagged and placed on the curb by 7:00 AM.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: is easy, economical, and environmentally necessary. Your efforts save natural resources. Recycling bins are collected every other week on your regular trash collection weekday.

RECYCLABLE ITEMS: clear, brown, and green glass, aluminum, steel, and tin metal. #1 PETE and #2 HDPE plastic, newspaper, phonebooks, junk mail, and paperboard.

WHITE GOODS: stoves, refrigerators, and other appliances are picked up, by appointment, on the first Saturday of each month. To schedule a removal call 1-800-847-5303.

WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAYS: collection will be delayed one day on the holidays listed below. The holidays are subject to change by Waste Management.

2010 WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day	Memorial Day	Independence Day
Labor Day	Thanksgiving Day	Christmas Day

BULK ITEMS: collection is done 1 week in the spring and 1 week in the fall. Watch channel 17 for dates.

LANDFILL: is located off Old County Road in Plaistow. Hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, on the first and third Saturdays in May thru November and 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the second and fourth Wednesday in May thru October. An additional Saturday is added in October for your convenience. Items accepted are brush, which is five inches or less in diameter and untreated wood. All dates and time are subject to change without notice, pending weather and facility conditions. See the Landfill schedule.



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2010 Landfill Schedule

MAY:	Sat:	1 st	&	15 th	*HHW 8 th
	Wed:	5 th	&	19 th	
JUNE:	Sat:	5 th	&	19 th	
	Wed:	9 th	&	23 rd	
JULY:	Sat:	10 th	&	17 th	
	Wed:	7 th	&	21 st	
AUGUST:	Sat:	7 th	&	21 st	
	Wed:	11 th	&	25 th	
SEPTEMBER:	Sat:	11 th	&	18 th	
	Wed:	8 th	&	22 nd	
OCTOBER:	Sat:	2 nd	&	16 th	& 23 rd
NOVEMBER:	Sat:	6 th	&	13 th	

NOTE: The facility is open on the listed Saturdays from 7am to 3pm & Wednesdays 4pm to 8pm. Dates & times are subject to change pending on weather & / or facility conditions. Any questions, call Highway Department at 382-6771.

*HHW – Household Hazardous Waste Day

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: Is a program designed to properly dispose of common household items such as lawn and garden pesticides, automotive fluids, left over paint, and other potentially harmful chemicals. This day is held once a year. Please check our website www.plaistow.com, Channel 17, or your local paper for the 2010 date.



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“THINK GREEN PLAISTOW”!

- A new recycling committee, “Think Green Plaistow,” is being organized.

This committee is a volunteer, grass roots effort to advertise and provide information regarding how Plaistow resident can do their part to protect the resources of Plaistow and reduce costs in their home.

Our mission is to make recycling part of everybody's daily life. We want the residents of Plaistow to be conscious of the resources we use and the waste we create. It is both economically and environmentally beneficial for Plaistow to reduce waste and conserve resources. By providing a user friendly recycling program and making resources available we hope that reducing, reusing and recycling becomes a part of your daily life.

Watch the paper and channel 17 for the date of the first meeting of the “Think Green Plaistow” committee. Coming soon!

Why Recycle?

“I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I still can do something; I will not refuse to do the something I can do.” Helen Keller

(From www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts)

Did you know?

- The average American individual consumes 120 pounds of natural resources every day, and throws away 3 and 1/2 pounds of trash per day.
- About 75 percent of the water we use in our homes is used in the bathroom. (California Energy Commission, 2006)
- Improperly sealed/caulked windows can account for up to 25% of total heat loss from a house. (Environment Canada, 2007)
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) are an energy-saving alternative to incandescent bulbs
- Each of us uses approximately one 100-foot-tall Douglas fir tree in paper and wood products
- Recycling paper instead of making it from new material generates 74 percent less air pollution and uses 50 percent less water. (EPA, 2008)
- Recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy needed to produce new aluminum
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours, or a TV for 2 hours
- Most bottles and jars contain at least 25% recycled glass.
- Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap Texas
- If every American household recycled just one out of every ten HDPE bottles they used, we'd keep 200 million pounds of the plastic out of landfills every year.
- The junk mail Americans receive in one day could produce enough energy to heat 250,000 homes.
- The average baby generates a ton of garbage every year. (Mostly in plastic diapers)
- \$1 out of every \$11 Americans spend for food goes for packaging



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Here are some good things to do this week:

- Commit to recycling ALL your newspapers, junk mail and paper.
- Fill the green Plaistow recycling tub this week!! Need one? Go to the town hall and ask for one
- Glass jars and plastic and aluminum all should be in your recycle tub as well.
- Get your family involved. Design a recycle plan in your home. Your children may have some great ideas!
- Turn off some lights!
- Take a shower of about 5 minutes!

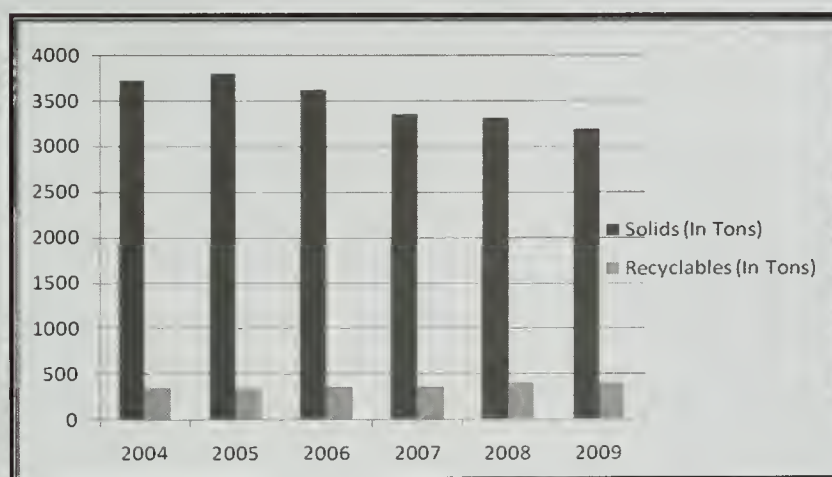
Join the Think Green committee!! Watch the paper and channel 17 for the date of the first meeting of the "Think Green Plaistow" committee. Coming soon!

Here Are 3 Great Web Sites to Help You with Your Recycling!!



<http://www.nhptv.org/planetgranite/>
[http://www.nhthebeautiful.org/recycling.](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org/recycling)
<http://www.oberlin.edu/recycle/whyrecycle.html>

***Recycling Trends in the Town of Plaistow
(2004 – 2009)***



Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Sherman, "Think Green Plaistow" Committee



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REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Our Mission is to Conserve and Sustain the Natural Environment for Present and Future Generations by working to make Wise Land Use Decisions. The RCCD was formed in 1946 as a legal sub-division of the State of New Hampshire and is directed by a Board of Supervisors, a state appointed governing body made up of five residents of the county. The position of District Supervisor is a public office and as such the Board of Supervisors has a legal and moral responsibility to the people of the District, its constituents.

The Rockingham County Conservation District (RDDC) delivers soil and water conservation at the local level. We get a small portion of our funding from the County, but rely heavily on funds generated from our services to keep us operating.

The Conservation District offers numerous services to both towns and individuals including the following:



Landowner Assistance Landowner Initiated Conservation

- Guidance on Best Management Practices
- Current Use Application Assistance
- Soil Potential Index Calculation
- Soil Interpretation
- Conservation Easements
- Sustainable Agriculture

Conservation Partnerships With Municipalities and Organizations

- ❖ Conservation Grant Application Assistance
- ❖ Non-Point Source Pollution Control
- ❖ Watershed Management
- ❖ Natural Resource Evaluation
- ❖ Ecological Restoration
- ❖ Invasive Species Control
- ❖ Sustainable Agriculture Promotion
- ❖ Green Energy and Conservation
- ❖ Conservation Easements/Open Space



Municipal Review Assistance Plan Reviews, Impact Assessment, Monitoring

- Stormwater Management Plan Review
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review
- Wastewater Disposal Test Pit Witnessing
- Wastewater Disposal System Reviews
- Natural Resource Impact Evaluation
- Wetland Impact Permit Reviews
- Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Compliance
- Construction Monitoring & Compliance
- Conservation & Agriculture Zoning Assistance



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REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (Continued)

The Rockingham County Conservation District also offers several sales programs as follows:

- ❖ Conservation Plant Sale - A spring bare-root transplant sale includes deciduous and coniferous trees, landscape shrubs, fruit trees, berry bushes, and other plant material. The tree and shrub sales starts in early February. Orders for the plant sales close in March with delivery in early May. The 2010 program is underway. Please feel free to review the following information of what we are offering this year. We try to add some new varieties each year, keep some old favorites and offer miscellaneous items associated with your gardening needs. Click here to download the order form. Click here to download the descriptions.
- ❖ Trout Stocking - Trout stocking for ponds every spring. Rainbow and Brook Trout size 6-8" ordered in multiples of 25 already for pick up or large 10-12", minimum order of 50, are delivered directly to pond. The sales program for trout begins in early March with delivery normally in late April. We have stocked tens-of-thousands over the years to happy pond owners and fishing derby sponsors.
- ❖ Barley Straw to Control Pond Algae - Excess algae growth is one of the most common problems occurring in ponds. In recent years, the use of barley straw has become more common in other parts of the country as an alternative method for controlling excessive algae growth. When applied at the proper time and rate, barley straw has been a very successful algae control technique in ponds.

The Rockingham County Conservation District has an office staff of 4 people and another 4 professionals who are contracted to carry out the work of the Conservation District.

Through their work with conservation easements the district now manages more than 90 different easements protecting over 4,200 acres of land. Their efforts have been hugely successful in helping to maintain Rockingham County's rural characteristics.

The Conservation Commission has been in contact with the Conservation District many times over the past years for advice on current use, best management practices, and soils information. More information about the services available to all of us from the conservation district can be found on their web site, <http://rockinghamccd.org>.

Respectfully Submitted ,
Leonard A. Lord, PhD
RCCD District Manager





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REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

PART 1: REGIONAL PLANNING

In addition to assistance provided directly to each Town, RPC member communities benefitted from regional planning activities and services carried out by the Commission on behalf of the wider region. During 2009 these included:

LAND USE PLANNING:

- ❖ Provided Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) Committee support; developed written comment letters and recommendations for two regional proposals to the affected communities.
- ❖ Provided Geographic Information System (GIS) support for use in local and regional planning.
- ❖ Continued ongoing development and updating of the RPC Regional Master Plan, per content requirements of RSA 36:47 and content recommendations of RSA 674:2. Chapters developed or updated in 2009 included: Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Conservation/Natural Resources Chapters.
- ❖ Prepared and distributed our annual zoning and building code amendment calendar informing town officials of the required timing of events associated with proposed zoning ordinance and building code amendments for both standard town meeting and SB-2 communities for both March and May town meeting deadlines.
- ❖ Continued to maintain and update our planning library of model ordinances, subdivision and site plan review regulations, other local land use regulations as well as our general reference library for planning which is available to all member communities.
- ❖ Revised RPC web site and continued making commonly requested planning documents available for download. We can be found at: www.rpc-nh.org.
- ❖ Fulfilled numerous inquiries and requests for statistical information regarding the region regarding demographic and related information and maintained the RPC's role as State Data Center Affiliate for Census and other data.
- ❖ Through a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation with assistance from Clean Air-Cool Planet, assisted local energy committees in Atkinson, Hampton Falls and New Castle to complete municipal energy audits and reports, develop draft Energy Chapter for their Master Plans, and developed action plans for short-term to long-term implementation of energy efficiency and conservation strategies in their communities. Participated in the NH Carbon Challenges Local Energy Committee to carry out their activities, as needed and as staffing resources are available, including presentation at the first annual Local Energy Solutions Conference.
- ❖ Provided technical assistance to the NH Office and Energy and Planning in administering the FEMA Flood Insurance Program.



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REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION (Continued)

WATER QUALITY:

- ❖ Staff attended numerous Groundwater Commission and subcommittee meetings, and planned and hosted a public forum in conjunction with NHDES and the Groundwater Commission regarding the role of municipalities in the large groundwater withdrawal permitting process. The forum was attended by 50+ community, legislator and agency representatives.
- ❖ Continued to participate in the Groundwater Sustainability Study being carried out by the USGS and NHDES. Final publication of the report occurred this year, assisted with dissemination at public meetings and individual communities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

- ❖ Continued providing assistance to the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation (REDC) in updating the 2009 Rockingham County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), supporting on-going regional economic data and associated analyses.
- ❖ Staff continued to coordinate the regional Brownfields Hazardous Substance and Petroleum Assessment Program, working closely with consulting engineers and the Brownfields Advisory Committee, municipalities, landowners, NH DES and US EPA to complete assessments and redevelopment plans.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

- ❖ Organized and sponsored the 20th Annual Planning Board Training. The RPC and the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast held two workshops; a Workforce Housing Forum for Planning Boards and a Training Workshop for Planners to assist communities respond to requirements of SB 342. We also offered a training workshop for new planning board members.
- ❖ Organized and held the Annual Legislative Forum, where RPC legislative priorities were presented and local officials and legislators were invited to discuss current bills before the Legislature.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING:

- ❖ ***Land Use mapping from the 2005 Regional Air Photos (Sanborn, 1' pixel resolution):*** Staff completed the delineation of land use/land cover using the 2005 aerial photos and prepared town maps for each member community. The data was also utilized for an existing land use chapter for the Town of Hampstead, assistance to the Towns of South Hampton and Newington for their land use inventory, and in conjunction with historical land use to create an automated map series which displays land use change for parts of the region.
- ❖ ***Regional Employment Data:*** Staff executed an agreement with NHDOT and the Dept. of Employment Security to obtain address level employment data (number of employees by physical address). This data is to be used for regional travel demand model updates.
- ❖ ***Regional Buildout:*** Staff is completing town buildouts for the seven CTAP towns and for the towns of Brentwood, Stratham, Rye, Plaistow, and Greenland. The regional buildout has not yet been done, but each community completed their contribution of information to that goal.



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REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION (Continued)

- ❖ ***US Census 2010 Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP):*** The RPC assumed the role of primary participant for the member communities in the US Census Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) for the 2010 Census. This includes: reviewing and modifying the census block and block group delineations for the 2010 census. Communities were contacted and consulted for all changes that would have an impact on them.
- ❖ ***Traffic Counting:*** In cooperation with NHDOT, the RPC maintained a robust traffic counting program in the region completing 155 counts during 2008. This data is used by NHDOT, communities and RPC to monitor traffic growth and flow, to update and calibrate the regional traffic model and to identify congestion mitigation projects.
- ❖ ***Safe Routes to School:*** Staff worked with several member communities in the development of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiatives, including Rye, Hampton, Plaistow, Newfields and Portsmouth. Staff also completed SRTS Travel Plan for the Town of Rye under contract.
- ❖ ***2009-2035 Long Range Transportation Plan:*** A new Long Range Transportation Plan was developed for the region to ensure that it reflects current long range transportation needs in the region and that it complies with current requirements of Federal Planning regulations. New TIP and Plan project lists, financial estimates, and air quality conformity analysis were completed based on project solicitations to communities.
- ❖ ***Regional Transportation Project Priority List; 10 Year Plan Update:*** In winter/spring of 2009, staff worked with the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee to develop a prioritized list of projects to submit to NHDOT for the most recent update of the 10 Year Plan. Communities were solicited for projects to be added to the MPO Long Range Plan and these projects were then prioritized by the MPO based on evaluation criteria developed by Staff and the Technical Advisory Committee. A prioritized list of projects was submitted to NH DOT in June 2009 that represents the most comprehensive identification of transportation system needs in the region developed to date.
- ❖ ***MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee Meetings:*** Prepared for, supported and attended MPO Technical Advisory Committee meetings during July and September of 2008 and February, March, April, May, and June of 2009. Prepared for and attended MPO Policy Committee meetings during September of 2008 and January, March (TIP Amendment only), April of 2009 and October 2009.
- ❖ ***Legislation and Hearings:*** Researched transportation related bills in the current State legislative session. Attended hearings and provided testimony on SB136 raising the allowable ceiling on the "Local Option" vehicle registration fee. Participated with NHTA in a meeting with the House Finance Committee regarding state operating assistance for public transit. Prepared information for RPC representatives on transit funding in state budget and on HB644 increasing the road toll. Attended a hearing and provided testimony on a House Bill which would have provided for a corridor study on NH 33 in Greenland.
- ❖ ***CMAQ & TE Project Monitoring & Implementation Assistance:*** Staff provided technical assistance to several communities working to implement funded TE and CMAQ initiatives, including the Town of New Castle and its SAFEPATH initiative, the Town of Windham on its depot restoration/trailhead project, the Town of Newfields in negotiations with Newmarket, SRPC and NHDOT regarding the Newmarket-Newfields NH108 bicycle shoulder project. Worked with



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the Town of Exeter in revising train station parking expansion project. Participated in State CMAQ Advisory Committee. Provided input to NHDOT on revisions to TE project selection process, and worked with applicants on Letters of Intent for 2009 funding round.

- ❖ ***General Support for Regional Rail and Bus Transit Development:*** Met with development team regarding revitalization of passenger rail service between Portsmouth and Rockingham Junction (the Portsmouth Branch), tying in with Downeaster service. Developed proposal for State Planning and Research funding to contribute to feasibility study of rail service on the Portsmouth Branch. Provided input to start-up transit organization in Souhegan Valley regarding transit coordination and demand estimation. Responded to requests for letters of support for FTA 5310 vehicle application.
- ❖ ***New Hampshire Transit Association:*** Participated in the NH Transit Association (NHTA) and NHTA Legislative Committee. Provided input to state policymakers on state funding for public transportation in New Hampshire in comparison to other states.
- ❖ ***Stormwater Management:*** RPC planning staff met to discuss the new Phase II NPDES permit requirements and its affect on MS4 communities in the region. Over the course of two meetings, RPC planning staff discussed the status of stormwater regulations in the region, including strategies to provide outreach to those communities who lack regulations or need to improve existing regulations, with particular emphasis on providing water quality and Low Impact Development implementation and design. Coordinated with UNH Stormwater Center staff to organize a stormwater work group to develop stormwater and water quality standards for redevelopment in the region, as well as addressing the technical and regulatory gaps in stormwater management at the local level. Members were identified and a workgroup was formed, with the first meeting held in August 2009.
- ❖ ***Share the Road/Bicycle Safety Initiative:*** Staff began work with Seacoast Area Bicycle Routes (SABR) and the Bike/Walk Alliance of NH (BWANH) on a regional share the road initiative in the wake of several serious crashes. Initial work included a forum for group ride leaders on ensuring lawful and respectful riding with large groups. Follow-up work with local police departments and a public education initiative are being planned for FY2010.

PART 2: TOWN-SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE

- ❖ Provided technical assistance as requested.
- ❖ Assistance with NH 125 project implementation.
- ❖ Staff assisted the Town with traffic volume map.
- ❖ Attended a meeting of the Highway Safety Committee to scope a study of traffic calming opportunities on Main Street.
- ❖ Examined intersections and roadway segments in need of improvement in the community and discussed potential projects with municipal and state officials.
- ❖ Attended a meeting pertaining to the MBTA rail extension and current status. Assisted with preparing communications with MBTA and identifying issues and steps to be undertaken to advance the project.
- ❖ Attended a PACE and Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce meeting to discuss smart growth and redevelopment strategies for NH 125.



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REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION (Continued)

- ❖ ***Park and Ride Usage Study:*** Developed initial scope of work to conduct region wide P&R usage surveys during the winter of 2009-2010. The objective of this project is to gather current data on use of regional park and ride facilities, with an emphasis on the Portsmouth Transportation Center (PTC), but also the new lot at Exit 2 in Salem, existing lots in Hampton, Hampstead, Plaistow and the second lot in Portsmouth. Of particular interest is assessing multi-day use of the lots vs. daily use by commuters.
- ❖ ***Plaistow MBTA Extension:*** Met with Town of Plaistow, MBTA, and NHDOT regarding extension of MBTA service to Plaistow, and relocation of MBTA Haverhill layover facility to Plaistow. Assisted town planner with letter to MBTA indicating Town's interest in evaluating station and layover facility locations per MBTA's offer.
- ❖ ***Plaistow Main Street Traffic Corridor/Traffic Calming Study:*** The scope of this project is being finalized and is expected to include an analysis of the Main Street corridor and potential traffic control changes and the impacts of growth on traffic on the roadway. Developing a micro-scale model to simulate traffic movement and gauge the impact of changes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rockingham Planning Commission



***The Seniors Enjoy a Painting Class
Sponsored by the Recreation Department***



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REPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Election records are kept at the Town Hall for reference by anyone who is authorized and in need of that information. Voting checklist is retained for a period of 6 years and can be referenced as proof of voting in any given election if needed.

Residents may change their voting record any time that the Town Clerk's Office is open, at an Election or during any work session of the Supervisors of the Check List.

REGISTERING TO VOTE: New residents may register to vote during regular office hours in the Town Clerk's office, during any session of the Supervisors of the Check List or on Election Day at the polls. The Supervisor's sessions are posted on the Cable TV station (Channel 17) and also in the local newspapers. The session is held about 10 days prior to any election. A person cannot register to vote in the Town Clerk's office 10 days prior to any election. New Hampshire has a same day registration policy, so they can register at the polls on Election Day and still vote. Residents may not register at the Deliberative Session.

To register as a voter a resident must prove that he/she is a resident of Plaistow. To do this we require a mortgage statement or notarized letter from you landlord, plus a current utility bill showing that they are indeed living there. ID is also required, this can be in the form of a current NH driver's license, certified birth certificate or a current passport. If a person's name has changed and it doesn't reflect the new name on their documents, we will need to see the document that confirms the name change. Anyone that has become a citizen after moving to the USA will need to show his or her naturalization papers as well. Should a resident not have any of the above documentation during an Election Day Registration, they will be allowed to sign an affidavit as proof.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk

PLEASE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR TOWN – GET OUT AND VOTE!



*Selectman Charles "Buzzy" Blinn and His Wife Janice
"Locked Up" for the Muscular Dystrophy Fundraising Event*



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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

In the Tax Office, we take pride in trying our best to provide good service and help to the residents of Plaistow. In a town like Plaistow the people who come through our doors are not just residents to us; we get to know them, their families, and sometimes even some of their problems, that's when we try to steer them in the right direction to receive help, whatever it may be. While trying to look into, and keep up with the new technology of the world to provide better service, we enjoy the personal one on one contact of our residents who come in to pay their taxes in person.

Living in Plaistow and being proud of the services our Town offers to our residents, both my deputy and I try to be involved in Town Projects. For years I have been involved with Old Home Days, the Committee for the Restoration of the Town Hall, and volunteer my time to notarize the signatures for the coaches during the baseball season.

During the Ice Storm of 2008 my Deputy Tax Collector called the Fire Department to see if she could be of some assistance and was told that they opened a shelter at the Sanborn High School. She volunteered her services at the shelter, representing Plaistow by cooking, serving, setting up bedding and giving moral support to those who could no longer stay at their residence. Other employees manned phones and knocked on doors to make sure our elderly were okay.

As soon as we could open the Town Hall we were all back at work to be available to the public for assistance. These are some of the reasons we have Pride in working for the Town of Plaistow.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosemarie Bayek, Tax Collector





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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

We, the staff of the Town Clerk's Office are proud to live and work in the Town Of Plaistow. We enjoy our daily interaction with the residents and take pride in serving them. We try to keep the lines short, while still following the State RSA's in all of our daily interactions. We strive to keep hours that are helpful to most all of our residents by being open 41 ½ hours per week with an evening and an early morning opening. The Town web page at Plaistow.com shows our complete hours along with other helpful information.

It was my privilege to be able to attend Governor Lynch's State of the State Address on January 21, 2010. Attending such an event in person was really special; it really makes one proud to be a resident of NH. Some of the things he said that would make one proud are: NH is one of the Safest States, NH was voted Best State to Raise a Child in, NH has one of the lowest government spending per capita and one of the lowest unemployment rates, we are also among the most healthy states.

Going forward into 2010 we will begin to offer credit card use both on-line and at the counter in the Clerk's Office. The credit card fees will be passed onto the resident who chooses to use a card at the rate of 2.75% of the total transaction. Starting in December 2009 we went to a 1 check collection system, residents will write one check to the Town for their total vehicle registration. We transfer the state fees into their account after our deposit is made. We also offer dog licensing on -line as well as vehicle renewals. Residents can access this on the Town's web page.

One wish or request we would have is that our residents become involved with the town by voting and joining some of the many boards that serve in the running of our great town.

Respectively Submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



***Maryellen Pelletier Working
the Ballot Machine***



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INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE: HOW TO AND WHAT YOU NEED!

AUTO REGISTRATIONS: Renewals can be done in person, by mail, with a mail notice or by e-reg www.plaistow.com (cost is \$2.50 each vehicle plus a \$.35 per transaction fee). To do a new vehicle, you will need to present a certificate of origin, a title or title application prepared by a NH dealer for 1996 and newer vehicles. For 1995 and older vehicles, a bill of sale is required along with a previously issued NH registration, or a copy of a previous title or a TDMV 19A form (available at the Town Clerk's Office). With all transactions, you will need to show proof of residency and proof of identification. Fees for the town tax are based on value of the vehicle. State fees are based on weight. There are also fees for the title, plates, special plates, mail notices and e-reg fees. The State also adds a sur-charge to all pass plates for August 2009 –July 2011. This is to balance the State Budget and will be revisited in July 2011.

DOG LICENSES: All dogs three months or older must be licensed annually on or before April 30th. Late fees and fines will be assessed on all unlicensed dogs after June 1st. A valid rabies certificate is needed for all dogs. Plaistow holds an annual Rabies Clinic in late March at the Fire Station, and, at the Rabies Clinic you may also license your Plaistow dogs.

BOATS: You may register your boats at the Town Clerk's office even if you are not a resident of Plaistow. We only accept cash for boat registrations.

VITAL RECORDS: You may obtain certified copies of Divorce, Birth, Death and Marriage records that occurred anywhere in NH from 1990 to the present from any NH Town Clerk's Office. Qualified individuals that demonstrate a "direct and tangible" interest may request the records by showing identification and filling out the required form/s. The cost is \$12.00 each for a first copy and subsequent copies (at the same time) are only \$8.00. Marriage licenses cost \$45.00 and are available to anyone who is at least 18 years old and wants to be joined in NH. Identification is required as well as the certified document ending any prior marriage or civil union (if applicable).

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



*Governor John Lynch Meeting with Staff and the Public at
the 2009 Plaistow Economic Revitalization Zone Ribbon
Cutting Event Held at the Plaistow Town Hall*



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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

Record of Resident Births in New Hampshire

Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Date of Birth
Ian Richard Paradise	Jason Paradise	Kristin Paradise	1/29/09
Dagny Jean Marie Ouellette	John Ouellette	Rebecca Ouellette	3/7/09
Jacob Jeffrey Shaw	Bradley Shaw	Pamela Shaw	4/20/09
Gavin David Cudmore	David Cubmore	Angela Cudmore	5/11/09
Sergio Sacramento Cortes	Isaac Sacramento Cortes	Maricela Cortes Gutierrez	5/11/09
Benjamin Robert Sarty	Christopher Sarty	Cheri Apar	5/15/09
Addison Margaret Mckay	Raymond Mckay	Stephanie Mccomiskey	5/20/09
Landon Michael Santosuosso	Joseph Burt	Nichole Santosuosso	5/26/09
Anthony Blake Lajoie	Jason Lajoie	Rory Lajoie	6/26/09
Shailagh Nicole Marie Carson	Nicholas Carson	Jody Carson	6/26/09
Hannah grace Costine	Timothy Costine	Leah Costine	7/14/09
Ethan Philip Ward	Richard Ward	Lucinda Ward	7/22/09
Lydia Jade Peabody	Ryan Peabody	Tiffany Peabody	7/27/09
Brooke Madison Braley	Matthew Braley	Mary Winning	8/9/09
Samantha Kay Hackett	Warren Hackett	Laura Wentworth	9/4/09
Savanna Lee Mayo	Patrick Mayo	Melissa Elwell	9/10/09
Ethan John Pickering	Justin Pickering	Meghan Pickering	9/10/09
Diane Marie Carolan	Philip Carolan	Michelle Quinton	10/7/09
Kane Robert Feener	Robert Feener	Bethanne Ellsworth	10/21/09
Carter James McIntyre	John McIntyre	Kimberly Margeson	11/10/09
Noah Patrick Connolly	Patrick Connolly	Allison Connolly	12/18/09

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



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Record of Resident Deaths in New Hampshire

Decedent	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Date of Death
Maureen Collins	Alfred Collins	Elizabeth Cavanaugh	1/6/09
Maxine Kolas	Albert Faxon	Lena Moulton	1/14/09
Eleanor Smith	Ralph Nelson	Arlene Cann	2/14/09
Susan Bouchard	Peter Demers	Jeanette Labbe	3/6/09
Elane Hanson	Robert Eppa	Elizabeth Wing	3/18/09
Harold Lambert	Albert Lambert	Jeannie Crawford	4/11/09
Mary Robinson	Harry Robinson	Jessie William	4/18/09
Maria Lafleur	Ceferino Mazon	Julia Gonzalez	4/20/09
Leroy Chase	Frederick Chase	Loretta Russell	4/27/09
Harry Smith	Harry Smith	Emma Benoit	5/11/09
Dhanlaxmi Kothari	Odhavji Sanghvi	Ganga Vora	6/13/09
Barry Arnold	Robert Arnold	Jayne Stachulski	6/14/09
Mae Sweet	Wilfred Cormier	Rose Milot	7/3/09
Frank Ahearn	Frank Ahearn	Elsie Macinnis	7/7/09
Helen Warren	Albert Delanger	Agnes Lantagne	8/13/09
Steven Berry	E Berry	Marie Leary	8/23/09
Carolyn Fraize	Stanley Bomba	Alma Stanislaw	8/23/09
John Eafrazi	Unknown Eafrazi	Unknown, Unknown	9/0/09
Rachel Chouinard	Alfred Bernier	Eva Derosiers	9/2/109
Victor Chouinard	Fernand Chouinard	Marie Leblanc	9/25/09
Victor Mckinney	Chester Mckinney	Sylvia Sargent	10/2/09
Victorine Etter	Arthur St Onge	Albertine Houle	10/11/09
Andrew Seluta	John Seluta	Patricia Nichols	11/1/09
Sybil Peaslee	Carl Raymond	Edna Davis	11/9/09
Barbara Reilly	Michael Apice	Elizabeth Smith	12/3/09
Lucie Garrett	Gerald Mailloux	Dorothee Dupuis	12/5/09
Barbara Mckinney	Ralph Willey	Susan Fraser	12/8/09
Mary King	John Elcik	Mary Jonak	12/18/09

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

Record of Resident Marriages in New Hampshire

Person A Name	Period B Name	Issuance	Marriage
Patrick M. Connolly	Allison L. Zaremba	Plaistow	1/23/09
Joseph M. Nemetz	Natasha L. Bell	Strafford	1/31/09
Jason A. Williams	Colleen A. Cassidy	Plaistow	2/07/09
Cory R. Beaulieu	Jamie P. Blinn	Plaistow	2/14/09
James J. Cloutier	Sara A. Bush	Plaistow	2/21/09
Michael J. Lessard	Lisa K. Cody	Plaistow	4/11/09
Paul G. Mckendry	Beth A. Agneta	Plaistow	4/18/09
Sean P. Masse	Amanda G. Moreau	Salem	4/28/09
Tyler D. Whiteside	Amy L. Jean	Plaistow	5/1/09
James R. Sexton	Janet L. Dicienzo	Plaistow	5/2/09
Steven D. Watkins	Amanda L. Culliname	Derry	5/9/09
Stephen G. Lefoley	Karen M. Fuccillo	Plaistow	5/29/09
John J. Boggiatto	Joni L. Tammany	Plaistow	6/5/09
Robert J. Hill	Elizabeth A. D'Arcangelo	Plaistow	6/13/09
Keith P. Normand	Amy J. Byron	Plaistow	6/20/09
Jonathan T. Senter	Alyssa K. Cachion	Plaistow	6/20/09
Kevin M. Fielding	Jennifer A. Sheehan	Plaistow	6/26/09
Scott C. Robertson	Shannon L. Poirier	Windham	7/11/09
Alfred Howard	Kristine R. Cook	Plaistow	8/1/09
Sean M. Hubley	Shauna J. Barry	Plaistow	8/8/09
Joseph M. Ryan	Susan L. Simons	Plaistow	8/8/09
Donald J. Petzold	Donna L. Perry	Plaistow	8/25/09
Michael R. Norman	Alyson L. Wrenn	Plaistow	8/29/09
Michael R. Zengilowski	Laurel W. Smith	Conway	9/5/09
John M. Marchesano	Amy L. Macfarlane	Plaistow	9/6/09
Alan D. Hood	Andrea M. Hoehn	Plaistow	9/12/09
Joseph G. Reynolds	Caroline G. Underwood	Bristol	9/19/09
Thomas L. Cashman	Shelby A. Lambert	Plaistow	10/3/09
Christopher E. Bowen	Lea K. Sargent	Plaistow	10/10/09
Crista L. Hewitt	Michael A. Perez	Plaistow	10/10/09
Stephen N. Beaulieu	Martha A. Wyatt	Plaistow	10/17/09
Kelsey L. Bird	Craig J. Loring	Newton	10/17/09
Barry M. Ramsell	Diane M. Reynolds	Plaistow	10/24/09

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryellen Pelletier, Town Clerk



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Another year has come to an end and the nation is still experiencing the effects of a recession. The town however has seen a slight improvement with the interest rates this year, it may be only a fraction of a point at times but they continue to climb. The Trustees are under strict laws that govern how the Trustees are able to invest the town's funds. At all times the Trustees must protect the principal of each account and distribute the funds in accordance with the intent of each individual warrant article that created it. The accounts continue to be invested and managed by New Hampshire Public Pool (NH PDIP). We currently oversee 10 accounts with a total balance of \$703,739.72.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Senter, Chairman

The Maple Avenue Pump House



*Bernadine FitzGerald, Michelle Curran and Elizabeth Smith Planting
Flowers Along the Walkways in Front of Town Hall*



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REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department continued pursuing the goal of ensuring the availability of the town's fire suppression system and expanding the system into areas that have both a significant potential for commercial development and limited natural water supplies available for fire suppression. In 2009, staff of the Water Department completed the installation of piping and hydrants to the area of Old County Road and Rt. 125. It is important to note that we have not yet connected those pipes to the pressurized water supply. As part of the overall Rt. 125 Corridor construction project, we will complete the tie in of this segment to the remainder of the system in 2010. We need your support of the warrant article to raise the funds to complete this work. It is unfortunate that the segmentation of the NHDOT project resulted in a disjointed water project, but that is beyond our control.

We have also begun the process for the future replacement of significant parts of the system infrastructure that are the backbone of the system. As part of an engineering assessment of the system conducted in 2008, it was recommended that the Town begin to set aside funding to replace both fire pumps and the pump house that currently house them. We are introducing a warrant article to begin the process of setting funds aside for this future anticipated expense. In the same manner, we are looking to initiate a proactive preventative maintenance process for the former water tower/cell tower located near the center of Town. With some minimal routine maintenance, this structure should remain a viable source of revenue for the Town for then next 30 or more years.

As I mentioned above, this year, with your support we will coordinate with NHDOT to install additional piping along Route 125 completing the connection in the area of Old County Road. In addition, we will create another loop in the system at Route 121A and Rt. 125 (Sanborn's) that will increase the overall system reliability in the event of a line break. We hope that you will support the warrant article requesting the funding for this project. If the economic climate changes before the remaining DOT projects are completed, we would consider additional expansion of the system at that time.



The Maple Avenue Pump House

I thank the Town for their continued support of our efforts to maintain and upgrade this segment of our infrastructure. Our system is unique in that this is one of very few systems in the country that is used solely for fire protection and suppression. By expanding the system into the areas of greatest potential for commercial development, we can attract a greater variety of businesses to Town and provide them with fire suppression capabilities that make Plaistow a viable option for them. As they benefit, so benefits the Town due to the added revenue of not only their tax base, but from the anticipated user's fee assessed when connected to the water system.

Respectfully Submitted,
John H. McArdle, Water Superintendent



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REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is a quasi-judicial board that has authority under the NHRSA's (State Laws) to grant certain relief when there is a proposal that is in conflict with the Town's Zoning Ordinances.

The five (5) member board hears requests on a monthly basis and averages about thirty (30) applications a year. Applicants are generally sent to the ZBA by the Planning Board, as in the case of a variance request, or by specific requirement of an ordinance, as in the case of an in-law apartment or home occupation request. The Board also hears appeals in the case where a decision of another board, committee or department is challenged.

This board is in place to give persons who have hardships, in their property, relief from the one-size-fits-all concept of a zoning ordinance. The ZBA appeal process is the avenue that allows those with special circumstances to level the field and make improvements to their property that otherwise might not be allowed under the strictest interpretation of the ordinances.

The ZBA also reviews special exception applications for in-law apartments and home occupations to insure that all the minimum requirements are in place and can be monitored so as to protect our neighborhoods and resources.

The types of applications that are heard by the ZBA can be an indication as to when a certain ordinance may be in need of review or updating. Times and needs of the community are ever-changing and the ZBA appeal process is a valuable tool in showing where change needs to be considered. If the Board should see an increase in a particular type of relief request, they can then alert the Planning Board that review of that ordinance may be warranted.

The volunteers who sit as members of the board are thoughtful people who live in our community. They take seriously their responsibilities to interpret the Zoning Ordinances and fairly consider relief requests with an open mind and in the best interests of the Town of Plaistow. It's a tough job, the ordinances aren't always black and white; the stories of the applicants and abutters can be compelling; the RSAs can be restrictive and the very nature of the decision making process can mean that not everyone is always going to walk away happy. But someone has to do the job and these people have stepped up.

Each of the ZBA members has shown a level of dedication to the Town that we as residents can be proud of. Their understanding that even the smallest decision can have larger implications shows me that they always have the best interests of the Town foremost in their minds. I am honored to continue to serve with this fine group of people.

Our in-house staff is Dee Voss who has been with the Board for eight years as our Administrative Assistant. She, along with Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Dorman, provides full-time resources for the public on zoning matters as well as procedures for seeking relief.

If you are interested, the ZBA is always looking for community-minded residents to step up and volunteer to serve as members or alternates to the board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lawrence Ordway, Chairman



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TOWN OF PLAISTOW
NEW HAMPSHIRE
2010 TOWN MEETING WARRANT
AND BUDGET
Town Meeting (Senate Bill 2)



- **Deliberative Session - Saturday, January 30, 2010**
Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street
Great Hall (2nd Floor)
10:00 a.m.
- **Deliberative Session Snow Date - Saturday, February 6, 2010**
Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street
Great Hall (2nd Floor)
10:00 a.m.
- **Ballot Voting - Tuesday, March 9, 2010**
Pollard School, 120 Main Street
Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: Articles P-10-A - P-10-M may be amended at the
Deliberative Session. Any changes will appear as part of the Warrant
and Budget insert in the Annual Report**



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2010 Plaistow Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, in the County of Rockingham in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual town meeting at the Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street in said Plaistow on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the forenoon to explain, discuss and amend each Article and to determine the form for the questions on the ballot, except those Warrant Articles where wording is prescribed by law. The snow date will be at the Plaistow Town Hall on Saturday, February 6, 2010 starting at 10:00 AM.

The final voting on all Warrant Articles will take place by official ballot at the second session. Therefore, you are hereby notified to meet for this second session of the annual town meeting at Pollard School, Main Street, in said Plaistow on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, from 7:00 AM in the forenoon until 8:00 PM in the afternoon to elect officers and to act on the following Articles by official ballot voting.

The articles begin with "P" to differentiate these town articles from the school district article numbers.

Article P-10-01 To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

<u>SELECTMAN</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>	<u>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>
<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN TWO</u>	<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN TWO</u>
John Sherman		Kathleen L. Vavra	
Charles "Buzzy" Blinn		Jennifer Kiarsis	
Joyce Ingerson			
<u>BUDGET COMMITTEE</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>	<u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>
<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN FOUR</u>	<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN ONE</u>
Leona L. Stevens		Dennis Naffah	
Neal J. Morin			
Normand Bouchard		<u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>
Patricia "Tricia" Holt		<u>TWO YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN ONE</u>
		Kathryn JH Jones	
<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>	<u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>
<u>TWO YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN ONE</u>	<u>ONE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN ONE</u>
Steven Ranlett		Tyler Simmons	
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>	<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>VOTE FOR</u>
<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN ONE</u>	<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>NOT MORE THAN ONE</u>
Charlie Lanza		Maryellen Pelletier	
Tyler Simmons			
Steven Ranlett		<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>VOTE FOR</u>
<u>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</u>	<u>VOTE FOR</u>	<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>NOT MORE THAN ONE</u>
<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>NOT MORE THAN ONE</u>	Bernadine A. Fitzgerald	
Phyllis L. Carifo		Martha L. Fowler	
		<u>AUDITOR</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT</u>
		<u>ONE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>MORE THAN TWO</u>
		Tyler Simmons	



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OPERATING BUDGET

Article P-10-A: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Seven million, three hundred twenty eight thousand, forty five dollars (\$7,328,045). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Seven million, two hundred fifty nine thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$7,259,800) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0).

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX FEASIBILITY STUDY

Article P-10-B: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of funding a feasibility study to best determine the potential location for a new or renovated Public Safety Complex to include the Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Management?

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: The feasibility study would provide detailed cost estimates based on the detailed space needs assessment for the current and future needs of the Police, Fire and Emergency Management Departments. The Study will also be used to provide additional justifications for facility related capital needs, including, but not limited to HVAC Systems, Power and Electrical Systems, Communication Systems, Computer Systems and Security.]

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT

Article P-10-C: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,000 to be added to the existing Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To continue to set aside money for future purchases of Highway Department vehicles. Putting \$66,000 aside each year will allow for the orderly replacement of highway vehicles by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at Town Meeting. These funds will be invested in an interest bearing account. The balance of this Capital Reserve Fund is \$50,566 as of January 30, 2010.]

FIRE SUPPRESSION WATER LINE EXPANSION

Article P-10-D: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$498,250 for the expansion of the Fire Suppression Water System? The Town has established a capital reserve account for the expansion of the Water Line System to coincide with the reconstruction (widening) of Route 125 by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.



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Appropriation	\$498,250
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	\$308,209
Water Line Impact Fees	\$ 36,026
Water Use Fees (RSA 38:27)	\$104,015
Amount to be raised from 2010 taxes:	\$ 50,000

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To fund the construction of the water line from the intersection of Old Road at Route 125 to the intersection of Walton Road at Route 125. This project has been in the planning stages consistent with the overall New Hampshire Department of Transportation reconstruction/widening of Route 125. The total length is approximately one mile. The Town has evaluated which projected phase of the proposed waterline construction would have the most value added to the existing fire suppression system and determined that this project is the most desirable from a system operation standpoint. Completing this segment will allow the Town to connect the recently constructed water line and hydrants on the northerly end of Route 125 to the Town's water system. Coordinating the work with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation construction allows the Town to save on the cost of mobilizing construction and paving crews, as these are included in the New Hampshire Department of Transportation project.]

The Balance of the Accounts listed above are as follows:

Capital Reserve Account:	\$308,303.29 (Balance as of January 30, 2010)
Water Line Impact Fee Account:	\$ 36,039.56 (Balance as of January 30, 2010)
Water Use Fees (RSA 38:27):	\$140,756.83 (Balance as of January 30, 2010)

CELL TOWER MAINTENANCE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article P-10-E: Shall the Town vote to establish a Cell Tower Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintenance of the former water tower and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for said fund? The Board of Selectmen will be the agents to spend out of this reserve fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and Budget Committee (11-2-0)
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: The 2008 SFC Engineering Partnership, Inc. Water Tower Assessment Study indicated that there is continual degradation of the concrete footings of the tower's legs, and portions of the structure are beginning to rust. A recent estimate indicated that the cost of repairing the four (4) footings would be approximately \$8,000. With moderate maintenance, it is estimated the structure will remain useful for approximately 30 years and will generate over \$3 Million in revenue for the Town. Annual revenue from the Cell Tower is over \$90,000, which goes into the General Fund to offset taxes. This is Phase I of a multi-year maintenance plan, as outlined in the 2008 SFC Engineering Report.]



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FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT

Article P-10-F: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$88,000 to be added to the existing Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Program as adopted by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To continue to set aside money for future purchases of Fire Department vehicles. Putting \$88,000 aside each year will allow for orderly replacement of fire vehicles by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at Town Meeting. This money will be invested in an interest bearing account. The balance of this Capital Reserve Fund is \$126,653.55 as of January 30, 2010.]

CONSERVATION FUND DEPOSIT

Article P-10-G: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the existing Conservation Fund as provided for in RSA 36-A?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To provide additional funding to the Plaistow Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission intends to purchase land, easements and/or other land rights to preserve the natural environment. There is approximately \$49,679.43 in the Conservation Fund as of January 30, 2010. There is also approximately \$31,996.80 in the Forestry Fund as of January 30, 2010, which can be used for similar purposes. These funds are in interest bearing accounts.]

EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR FOR TOWN HALL

Article P-10-H: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$45,000 for the replacement/purchase and installation of a 75-100 kilowatt gas/diesel generator for use at the Town Hall?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: These funds will be used to purchase and install a 75-100KW diesel or gas emergency generator at Town Hall designed to operate the Town building systems and data systems during power outages. The unit will be equipped with an automatic transfer switch which will enable the system to come online fully automatically, and on restoration of utility power automatically re-transfer load to normal power, shut down the generator and return to readiness for another operating cycle. It will have an automatic exerciser, which will start and run the generator once a week for preventative maintenance. Total project cost includes installation with a weather protective and sound-attenuated enclosure.]



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BUILDING SYSTEMS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT

Article P-10-I: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to replenish the existing Building Systems Reserve Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: This reserve fund was set up for unanticipated building maintenance projects such as roof repair or heating/cooling system replacements. It could also be used for emergency repairs that were not predicted. The balance of the Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund is \$21,095.97 as of January 30, 2010.]

FIRE SUPPRESSION WATER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT

Article P-10-J: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,400 to be added to the existing Fire Suppression Water Capital Reserve Fund for the future expansion and maintenance of the Fire Suppression Water System?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) and Budget Committee (13-0-0)
and the project is in the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To continue to set aside money for future expansion and maintenance of the fire suppression system.]

WARRANT ARTICLE

Article P-10-K: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$315,392 to be raised through taxes, for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of the property, located at 148 Main Street, consisting of a home and 29 acres; on terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.

Selling Price	\$325,760.00
Plus Contingency (Closing Fees; Stamps, Etc)	\$ 10,000
Less Tax Abatement	(\$ 20,368)
Amount to be Raised by Taxes:	\$315,392



*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0) and
Not Recommended by Budget Committee (3-5-0)*

[Intent: To allow the Selectmen to continue to negotiate the purchase of the property and building located at 148 Main Street. The acquisition of this property will be in accordance with the goals established in the Town of Plaistow's Master Plan to: (A) Establish a Village Center District; (B) Preserve the natural and cultural features such as streams, rivers, prime agricultural land, valuable woodlands, quality viewsapes, wetlands, county roads, stone



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walls, and other valuable open areas; (C) Encourage public and private partnerships designed to improve and upgrade the physical attractiveness of downtown; (D) Encourage educational programs that use a variety of community resources including conservation lands, historic resources, community facilities, local facilities and local businesses; and (E) Protect and enhance environmentally sensitive natural resource areas in order to maintain their ecological integrity and/or to promote public health and safety. The estimated one time tax impact on a \$300,000 assessment would be approximately \$112. The property consists of a 27 acre conservation easement currently granted to the Southeastern New Hampshire Land Trust.]

Article P-10-L: CITIZEN'S PETITION: Veteran's Tax Credit. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II for an increase of \$150 in the optional veteran's tax credit and in expanded qualifying war service for veteran's seeking the tax credit and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety? This modification would make the optional veteran's tax credit \$350 rather than \$200.

Article P-10-M: CITIZEN'S PETITION: Article: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

Article P-10-N: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, by adding a new Article XV, Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance, as proposed on a separate attachment "A".

[Reason for Change: To add regulations for small wind energy system proposals.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-10-O: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, by adding a new Article XVI, "Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance" as proposed on a separate attachment "B".

[Reason for Change: To enhance our existing Stormwater Ordinance to be in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's Stormwater Permit Requirements.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-10-P: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article X, Home Occupation, Section 220-66, Permitted Uses, Letter B., by adding the words "caring for not more than six children not living in the home" after the word "daycare."

[Reason for Change: To limit the number of children in a daycare facility located in the home.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)



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Article P-10-Q: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article XVIIA, Access Management Overlay District Section 220-55.2, General requirements, Letter A., by revising the first sentence to read as follows: "The minimum building setback shall be 50 feet from the front property line."

[Reason for Change: To make the definition of front setback consistent throughout the zoning ordinance.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-10-R: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 220-32., District Objectives and Land Use Controls, Table 220-32I., Minimum Dimensions for All Districts, by adding a letter A., entitled "Structure Setbacks," and adding a paragraph B., "Pavement Setbacks," to read as follows: "No pavement will be placed in the buffer area of commercial or industrial uses."

[Reason for Change: To clarify that the existing dimensions are for structure setbacks, and to specify that pavement cannot be located in the buffer area for commercial or industrial uses.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-10-S: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance, Article II, Definitions, Section 220-2. Definitions, by revising the definition of "Coverage" to read as follows:

"That percentage of the plot or land area covered by the principal and accessory buildings and surfaced or paved (pervious or impervious) area."

[Reason for Change: To specify that either pervious or impervious pavement is counted toward lot coverage.]

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article P-10-T: CITIZEN'S PETITION: Are you in favor of the adoption of amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, as follows:

Amend Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 220-28. Establishment of Districts; Zoning Map, by adding a new district, Commercial - 3, to replace zoning for all lots presently zoned Commercial - 1 that are north of or adjacent to the intersection of Route 125 and Old Road, as shown on the map below:



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- I. West Boundary – All CI zoned parcels north of or opposite the intersection of Old Road and NH Route 125.
- II. North Boundary – The northernmost CI zoned parcels.
- III. East Boundary – All CI zoned parcels north of or adjacent to the intersection of Old Road and NH Route 125.
- IV. South Boundary – All C1 zoned parcels adjacent to or opposite of the intersection of Old Road and NH Route 125.

Amend Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 220-32, District objectives and land use control, by adding a new table, Table 220-32K, as follows:

Table 220-32K
“C-3” - Commercial -3

A. Objectives and characteristics. The purpose and intent of the Commercial - 3 District is to protect Plaistow’s village center, schools and neighborhoods from the overwhelming impacts of increased traffic and congestion. Expanded traffic counts resulting from large-scale retail development in the designated Commercial - 3 area, to and from Route 125 NH via Main Street and other residential roads, will threaten the character of the community and the general public safety and quality of life of Plaistow residents.



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B. Uses

Permitted Uses

1. Retail business
2. Wholesale business
3. Personal service business ¹
4. Business office
5. Professional office
6. Bank
7. Restaurant
8. Funeral establishment
9. Private/service club
10. Commercial recreation
11. Motel
12. Vehicular, trailer and recreational vehicle sales and service repair
13. Church
14. Publishing
- 14.1 Vehicular brokerage office
- 14.2 Drive-through restaurant
- 14.3 Drive-in restaurant
- 14.4 Produce stand
15. Public use, limited to public safety and service
16. Accessory use
17. Storage of equipment/vehicles used to service a product
18. Essential service
19. Small industry
20. Multimodal park and ride lot
21. Theater
- 21.1 Nursing and convalescent homes

Allowed by Special Exception

22. Care and treatment of animals ²
23. (Reserved)
24. (Reserved)

¹ Must comply with additional requirements in Subsection D in the definition of "business" in Section 220-2.

² See Table 220-32B, Subsection D, for additional criteria.

C. Areas and dimensions.

- (1) Minimum lot size:
 - (a) Area: 80,000 square feet.
 - (b) Frontage: 150 feet.
- (2) Minimum yard dimensions: Refer to Table 220-32I
- (3) Maximum lot coverage: 75%.
- (4) Maximum height: 45 feet or three stories, whichever is less.
- (5) Minimum building set back: 50 feet from front property line.

D. Further restrictions. Each use (permitted or allowed by special exception) must also meet the following criteria:



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- 1) Maximum building size where a single building with a single business is to occupy the lot: 50,000 square feet.
- 2) Maximum building size where a single building contains multiple units: 100,000 square feet. Any one business may not exceed 50,000 square feet. Multiple buildings are permitted provided they are located in such a manner as to account for pedestrian safety as well as efficient and easy to follow vehicular traffic flows.
- 3) Other restrictions: Total vehicle trips per day shall not exceed 5,000 vehicle trips per day per lot.

Amend Table 220-32I, Minimum Dimensions for All Districts, by adding the following to the table of setbacks whose dimensions are in feet:

	Side and rear	Front
Where Commercial - 3 land abuts an industrial land use	35	50
Where Commercial - 3 land abuts a residential use	50	50
Where a Commercial - 3 land abuts any commercial use	35	50

[Intent: The purpose of this amendment is to limit the building size and traffic impacts for development in the commercial district along the northern portion of Route 125 from Old Road to the Kingston town line in order to protect the town's character, public safety and quality of life.]

(NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

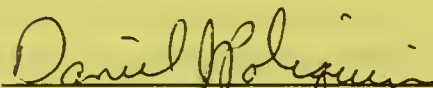


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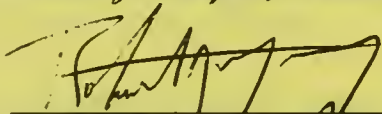
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Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



Daniel J. Poliquin, Chairman



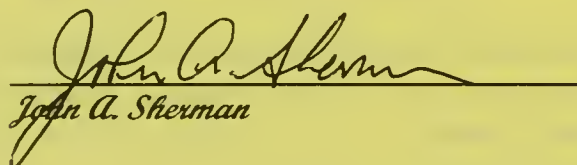
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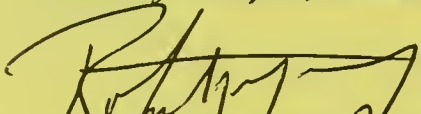
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Plaistow, New Hampshire
January 25, 2010

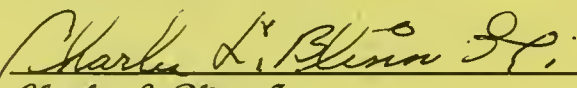
We certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named town to meet at the time and place for this purpose, within mentioned, by causing to be posted an attached copy at the Plaistow Public Library, the Pollard Elementary School and the Plaistow Town Hall, being public places in said Town on the twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



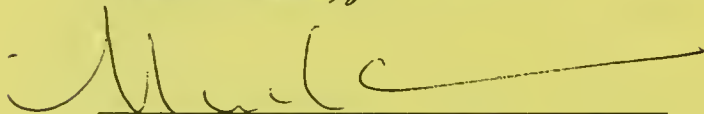
Daniel J. Poliquin, Chairman



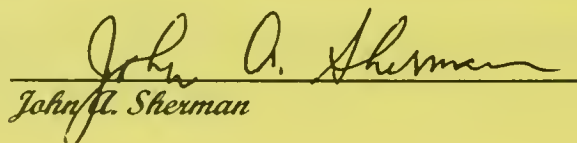
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VOTER'S NOTES

		Yes	No
P-10-01	Elect Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-A	Operating Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-B	Public Safety Complex Feasibility Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-C	Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-D	Fire Suppression Water Line Expansion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-E	Cell Tower Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-F	Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-G	Conservation Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-H	Emergency Power Generator For Town Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-I	Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-J	Fire Suppression Water Capital Reserve Fund Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-K	Warrant Article	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-L	Citizen's Petition – Veteran's Tax Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-M	Citizen's Petition – Resolution to vote to amend constitution to define "marriage"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-N	Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-O	Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-P	Home Occupation (DayCare) Restricting Number of Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-Q	Access Management Ordinance – Setback Distance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-R	Structure and Pavement Setbacks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-S	Revising Definition of "Coverage"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-10-T	Citizen's Petition – New Commercial 3 Zone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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TOWN OF PLAISTOW MS-7 REPORT

MS-7

BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE OF: PLAISTOW, NH

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

or Fiscal Year From 2010 to 2011

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): 1-25-2010

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

[Signature]
Lorraine Allen
Paul J. Davis
Patricia Holt
Michael Cook

[Signature]
John A. Thum

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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MS-7 Budget - Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire FY 2010								
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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	2	\$ 273,778	\$ 206,055	\$ 280,110		\$ 280,110	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	2	\$ 118,237	\$ 108,093	\$ 123,039		\$ 123,039	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	\$ 264,839	\$ 235,096	\$ 267,290		\$ 267,290	
4152	Revaluation of Property	2						
4153	Legal Expense	2	\$ 24,500	\$ 36,038	\$ 42,000		\$ 42,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	2	\$ 1,216,387	\$ 1,156,131	\$ 1,315,502		\$ 1,315,502	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	2	\$ 88,490	\$ 73,290	\$ 85,283		\$ 85,283	
4194	General Government Buildings	2	\$ 220,603	\$ 185,769	\$ 180,776		\$ 180,776	
4195	Cemeteries	2	\$ 13,465	\$ 12,431	\$ 3,525		\$ 3,525	
4196	Insurance	2	\$ 67,000	\$ 62,990	\$ 71,000		\$ 71,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2	\$ 23,643	\$ 19,399	\$ 23,643		\$ 23,643	
4199	Other General Government	2	\$ 45,800	\$ 34,360	\$ 31,572		\$ 31,572	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		\$ 1,765,980	\$ 1,713,786	\$ 1,787,047		\$ 1,787,047	
4215-4219	Ambulance	2,7	\$ 750	\$ 545				
4220-4229	Fire		\$ 447,003	\$ 387,360	\$ 449,709		\$ 449,709	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$ 105,681	\$ 105,782	\$ 108,786		\$ 108,786	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		\$ 5,857	\$ 2,965	\$ 5,857		\$ 5,857	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	2	\$ 263,181	\$ 227,716	\$ 271,134		\$ 271,134	
4312	Highways & Streets	2&8	\$ 539,750	\$ 542,467	\$ 575,090		\$ 575,090	
4313	Bridges							



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HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4316	Street Lighting	2	\$ 85,800	\$ 78,597	\$ 85,000		\$ 85,000	
4319	Other							
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection	2	\$ 671,800	\$ 550,093				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2		\$ 51,610	\$ 615,000		\$ 615,000	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	2	\$ 46,000	\$ 12,787	\$ 46,000		\$ 46,000	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services	2	\$ 37,277	\$ 37,418	\$ 47,355		\$ 47,355	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other							
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	2	\$ 79,586	\$ 69,901	\$ 78,914		\$ 78,914	
4414	Pest Control	2	\$ 16,136	\$ 12,916	\$ 15,810		\$ 15,810	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	2	\$ 69,410	\$ 67,896	\$ 69,996		\$ 69,996	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	2	\$ 64,854	\$ 26,010	\$ 54,190		\$ 54,190	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							



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CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	\$ 244,079	\$ 197,689	\$ 203,779		\$ 203,779	
4550-4559	Library	2	\$ 432,501	\$ 432,501	\$ 437,094		\$ 437,094	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	\$ 1,000	\$ 51	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	2	\$ 21,619	\$ 21,200	\$ 21,619		\$ 21,619	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	2	\$ 4,800	\$ 3,830	\$ 4,925		\$ 4,925	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 105,881	\$ 105,881				
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 4,736	\$ 2,461				
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	2	\$ 51,077	\$ 25,077	\$ 26,000		\$ 26,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	3, 6	\$ 410,000	\$ 410,000				
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	ARRA	\$ 712,000					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							



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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund *	4,5,9	\$ 201,233	\$ 201,233				
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917 *							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds *							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			\$ 7,421,500	\$ 6,552,829	\$ 7,328,045		\$ 7,328,045	

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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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	Public Safety Cx Capital Reserve	P10-			\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	
	Hwy Dept Capital Reserve Deposit	P10-		\$ 144,000	\$ 66,000		\$ 66,000	
	Fire Suppression Capital Reserve	P10-	\$ 116,233		\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	
	Cell Tower Capital Reserve	P10-			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
	FD Capital Reserve	P10-	\$ 80,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 88,000		\$ 88,000	
	Bldg Systems Capital Reserve	P10-			\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
	Waterline Capital Resv	P10-			\$ 58,400		\$ 58,400	
	Conservation Fund Deposit	P10-	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			\$201,233.00	\$384,000.00	\$307,400.00		\$307,400.00	xxxxxxxxxx

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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	Emergency Power Generator Purchase	P10-			\$ 45,000		\$ 45,000	
	HWY Dump Truck	P09-03	\$ 160,000					
	Garden Road Bridge	ARRA	\$ 712,000					
	Fire Truck Replacement	P09-06	\$ 250,000					
	Property Acquisition located at 148 Main St.				\$ 315,392			\$ 315,392
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			\$962,000.00	xxxxxxxxxx	\$360,392.00	xxxxxxxxxx	\$45,000.00	xxxxxxxxxx



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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes				
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$ 88,000	\$ 105,319	\$ 70,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,071	\$ 3,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$ 1,300,500	\$ 1,083,175	\$ 1,175,000
3230	Building Permits		\$ 105,000	\$ 77,177	\$ 75,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		\$ 26,400	\$ 52,190	\$ 40,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			\$ 142,962	\$ 30,000
FROM STATE			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3351	Shared Revenues		\$ 56,932		
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		\$ 326,310	\$ 326,310	\$ 326,310
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$ 131,105	\$ 135,232	\$ 135,232
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$ 100,000	\$ 43,694	\$ 10,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		\$ 71,000	\$ 82,269	\$ 85,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 68,000	\$ 84,596	\$ 68,000
3409	Other Charges			\$ 2,246	\$ 5,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$ 164,500	\$ 209,275	\$ 125,000
3502	Interest on Investments		\$ 60,000	\$ 10,165	\$ 15,000
3503-3509	Other		\$ 170,000	\$ 90,765	\$ 85,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				



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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds			\$ 31,578	\$ 35,000
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)		\$ 78,057		
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 465,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")					
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			\$ 2,748,804	\$ 2,448,446	\$ 2,662,542

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	\$ 7,382,500	\$ 7,328,045	\$ 7,328,045
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	\$ 201,233	\$ 307,400	\$ 307,400
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	\$ 410,000	\$ 360,392	\$ 45,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$ 7,993,733	\$ 7,995,837	\$ 7,680,445
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	\$ 2,748,804	\$ 2,662,542	\$ 2,662,542
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 5,244,929	\$ 5,333,295	\$ 5,017,903

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$ 756,983
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)



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A BURIED TIME CAPSULE

At the May 20, 1974 meeting, the Board of Selectmen endorsed a proposal made by the Chairman of Boy Scout Troop 18, Mr. Perley R. Strout. Mr. Strout proposed having the Scouts plant a time capsule in honor of the 225th Anniversary celebration. The proposed time capsule was described as about three feet long, approximately six to eight inches in diameter, and would be covered with marble slab. While originally intended to remain buried until the 250th Anniversary of the Town in 1999, it was not until 2009 that it was dug up by not only new Scouts, but those that were involved in the original burial.

Therefore, at precisely 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of June 22, 1974, Boy Scout Troop 18 members placed a time capsule under the ground in front of the Town Hall to be opened in 1999. The capsule was indeed approximately three feet long and contained a variety of items of interest, including:

- ❖ A 1900 silver dollar was donated by Clinton Senter, Senior, which would be given to the Boy Scouts when it was removed in 1999. Other items included were:
- ❖ 1973 Annual Town Report
- ❖ 1973 Annual School District Report
- ❖ 1974 Half Dollar
- ❖ 1974 Penny
- ❖ Commencement Exercises Program from Timberlane Regional Junior-Senior High School for 1974
- ❖ 225th Anniversary Program
- ❖ Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting authorizing Time Capsule and giving thanks for the check towards the restoration of the cannon.
- ❖ Invitations for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Scott Hamel and Gregory Caskie.
- ❖ Clippings of current prices, pictures of cars, etc...
- ❖ A letter explaining about the silver dollar signed by Bernard J. Dube, Scout Master, Troop 18
George W. Colby, Jr., Assistant Scout Master
Robert E. Mayo, Junior Troop Committee
Perley R. Strout, Committee Chairman
Norman L. Major, Troop Committee Members and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
- ❖ Plaistow News dated February 21, 1974
- ❖ Plaistow News special 225th Anniversary section.

The time capsule was planted six feet underground in front of the Town Hall, eight feet from the corner of the Clock Tower.

***(SEE PHOTOS OF THE TIME CAPSULE
UNEARTHING ON THE NEXT PAGE)***



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PICTURES OF THE REMOVAL OF THE TIME CAPSULE





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WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP

PROBLEM/QUESTION	CALL	PHONE #
AIDS Hotline	Aids Response Seacoast	433-5377
Animal Problems	Plaistow Animal Control Officer	382-1200
After School Program	Sad Café	382-8893
Assessments	Plaistow Assessing Department	382-8469 X11
Auto & Boat Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Battered Women Shelter	A Safe Place	1-800-852-3388
Birth Certificates	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Building Permits	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
Burning Permits	Plaistow Fire Department	382-5012
Cemetery	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Chamber of Commerce	Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange	382-3634
Child Abuse	Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline	1-800-894-5533
Child Care	Rockingham County Childcare Info.	1-800-310-8333
Child & Family Services	Child & Family Services	1-800-640-6486
Child Medical Coverage	NH Healthy Kids	1-877-464-2447
Conservation Commission	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Consumer Complaint	NH Better Business Bureau	228-3789
Death Certificate	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Disaster Relief	American Red Cross	624-4307
District Court	Plaistow District Court	382-4651
Dog License	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Driver's License	NH Dept. Motor Vehicles	271-2251
Elections	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Electrical Permit	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
EMERGENCY: Fire, Police & Ambulance		911
Environment	NH State Dept. Environmental Services	289-2111
Family Services (Juvenile)	Family Mediation	362-9957
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	FitzGerald Safety Complex	382-5012
Fish & Game	Fish & Game Club Office	382-3675
Fishing License	Wal-Mart	382-2839
Food & Nutrition Assistance	WIC (pregnant & child under 5)	1-800-256-9880
Food & Nutrition Assistance	CSFP (60 years and older)	1-800-942-4321
Food Pantry	Holy Angels Parish	382-8324
Food Stamps	NH Dept. of Health & Human Services	1-800-852-7492
Genealogical Information	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
General Assistance	Human Services Department	382-8469 X25
Health Care	SeaCare Health Center	772-8119
Health Care	Lamprey Health Care	659-2494
Health Care	Community Health Services	425-2545
Health Officer	Plaistow Health Department	382-2494 X21
Heating Assistance	Fuel Assistance 10/01 thru 4/30	898-8435
Heating Assistance	Rock. Community Action Program	893-9172
Home Budgeting	Credit Counseling	1-800-327-6778
Homeless	NH Coalition for Homeless	1-800-852-3388



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PROBLEM/QUESTION	CALL	PHONE #
Housing	NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247
Human Service Department	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X25
Human Service Department	Help Line	1-800-852-3388
Humane Society	NH SPCA	772-2921
Hunting License	Wal-Mart	382-2839
Landfill	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
Legal Assistance	Legal Advice & Referral Center	1-800-639-5290
Library	Plaistow Public Library	382-6011
Marriage License	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Meals on Wheels	Vic Geary Center	382-5995
Medication	NH Health Access Network	225-0900
Mental Health	CLM Behavioral Health	893-3548
Notary	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10
Off Road Vehicle Registration	Plaistow Power Sports	382-4334
Parenting Problems	Parents Anonymous	1-800-750-4494
Passport	Federal Building	666-7568
Planning Board	Plaistow Planning Office	382-7371 X14
Plumbing Permit	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
Police Station (non-emergency)	FitzGerald Safety Complex	382-6816
Post Office	U.S. Post Office	382-8529
Property Taxes	Plaistow Tax Collector	382-8611 X17
Recreation & Parks	Plaistow Recreation Department	382-5200 X18
Recycling & Curbside Removal	Waste Management	1-800-447-5303
Red Cross	Great Bay Chapter	978-766-5440
Roads & Streets	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
School Administration Unit	Timberlane Regional School District	382-6119
School –Elementary	Pollard Elementary School	382-7146
School – Middle	Timberlane Regional Middle School	382-7131
School – High	Timberlane Regional High School	382-6541
Secretary of State	Office of Secretary of State	271-3242
Senior Citizen Center	Vic Geary Center	382-5995
Senior Services	Elderly & Adult Services	1-800-852-7492
Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault Support Serv. 24 hr.	436-4107
Sheriff	Rockingham County	772-4716
Social Security	Social Security Administration	978-374-1960
Superior Court	Rockingham Clerk of Courts	642-5256
Teen Pregnancy	Pregnancy Care Center	978-373-5700
Town Ordinances	Plaistow Code Enforcement Officer	382-1191 X20
Transportation	Retired Sr. Volunteer Program	436-4310
Unemployment Comp.	NH Dept. of Employment Security	893-9185
Veterans	Veterans Administration	1-800-562-5260
Visiting Nurses	Rockingham VNA	772-2981
Voter Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Welfare	NH Dept. of Human Services	1-800-852-7492



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APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

One of the advantages of living in a small town is the ability to participate in and contribute to the activities and programs, which are offered by the Town to its residents. Plaistow is fortunate to have a history of strong volunteerism and offers the opportunity to all residents of the town to continue this tradition.

Boards, Commissions, and Committees are made up of volunteers. Recreation programs, public access TV, parades, celebrations, and beautification projects are successful due to the efforts of the Plaistow residents.

If you are a registered voter of Plaistow and would like to serve as a member on one of the following, please note your area of interest and return this form to the Selectmen's Office.

_____ Zoning Board of Adjustments

_____ Building Needs Committee

_____ Cable TV Advisory Committee

_____ Conservation Committee

_____ Highway Safety Committee

_____ Planning Board

_____ Recreation Commission

_____ Recycling Committee

_____ Other (please specify) _____

Special Qualifications:

Other Notes/Questions/Suggestions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____



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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CARD

In an effort to assure preparedness in the event of an emergency in Plaistow, please complete this Emergency Assistance Card and either mail it to Plaistow Emergency Management, 27 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH 03865 or fax to 382-4172 or call Plaistow Emergency Management at 382-5847 and provide the information below.

(THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL)

Please mark an "X" in EACH box that applies to you.

I/This person will need help in the event of an emergency:

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY & ZIP _____ CELL PHONE: _____

TDD _____ E-MAIL: _____

May we contact you to update this information? Yes No

I consider myself to be:

Help needed:

Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Blind/Low Vision

Wheelchair user

Confined to bed

Developmentally disabled

Learning disabled

Other (specify): _____

Translator (specify: _____)

Need a ride

Need a wheelchair accessible ride

Need an ambulance for transportation

Need individualized notification

Service Animal

Other (specify): _____

Relative or emergency contact:

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (home) _____

PHONE (work) _____

PHONE (cell) _____

This information will be for emergency use only.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

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PREPARING A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Out of Town Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____

Regional Meeting Place: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Medical Information: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Medical Information: _____

Name: _____

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Medical Information: _____

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Date of Birth: _____

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Medical Information: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Medical Information: _____

Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans that you and your family need to know about.

Work Location One

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

School Location One

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Work Location Two

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

School Location Two

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Other place you frequent

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Other place you frequent

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Important Information	Name	Telephone Number	Policy Number
Doctor(s):			
Other:			
Pharmacist:			
Medical Insurance:			
Homeowners/Rental Insurance:			
Veterinarian/Kennel (for pets):			

Dial 911 for Emergencies!



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TOWN PHONE NUMBERS

TOWN HALL – 145 Main Street

■ Assessor's Office	382-5200 X 11
■ Department of Building Safety	382-1191 X 3
■ Finance Department	382-5200 X 12
■ Health Department	382-2494 X 21
■ Highway Department	382-6771
■ Human Services Coordinator	382-5200 X 25
■ Planning Department	382-7371 X 14
■ Recreation Director	382-5200 X 18
■ Selectmen's Office	382-5200 X 10
■ Tax Collector	382-8611 X 17
■ Town Clerk	382-8129 X 16
■ Town Manager	382-5200 X 13
■ Zoning Board of Adjustment	382-1191 X 3

DISTRICT COURT – 17 Elm Street

■ Clerk of Court	382-4651
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FIRE DEPARTMENT – 27 Elm Street

■ Emergency	911
■ All other calls	382-5012

POLICE DEPARTMENT – 27 Elm Street

■ Emergency	911
■ Animal Control Officer	382-6816
■ All other calls	382-1200

POST OFFICE – 38 Main Street

■ All calls	382-8529
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PUBLIC LIBRARY - 85 Main Street

■ Plaistow Public Library	382-6011
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SCHOOLS

■ School Administration (SAU 55), 30 Greenough Road	382-6119
■ Pollard School, 120 Main Street	382-7146
■ Timberlane Regional Middle School 44 Greenough Road	382-7131
■ Timberlane Regional High School, 36 Greenough Road	382-6541

2010 TOWN HALL HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day:	Friday, January 1st
President's Day:	Monday, February 15th
Memorial Day:	Monday, May 31st
Independence Day:	Monday, July 5th
Labor Day:	Monday, September 6th
Columbus Day:	Monday, October 11th
Veterans' Day:	Thursday, November 11th
Thanksgiving:	Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th
Christmas (2 Days)	Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th

TOWN MEETING SCHEDULES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Day of the Month: Mondays
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall

PLANNING BOARD

Day of the Month: First & Third Wednesday
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Day of the Month: First & Third Thursday
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Plaistow Town Hall, Third Floor

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Day of the Month: Last Thursday of Month
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall

RECREATION COMMISSION

Day of the Month: Second Wednesday
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall

CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

Day of the Month: Third Tuesday
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Plaistow Public Library
(Except July and August)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Day of the Month: Tuesday
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Plaistow Town Hall, Great Hall
(Fall & Winter)

CABLE COMMITTEE

Day of the Month: Second Thursday of Month
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Basement Plaistow Town Hall

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Day of the Month: Third Tuesday of Month
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Historical Society Museum

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Assessing Office	Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Code Enforcement	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Finance Department	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Health Department	Monday – Friday By Appointment
Human Services	Monday – Friday By Appointment
Recreation Dept.	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Selectmen's Office	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Tax Collector Office	Monday – Wednesday 8:30 AM – Noon and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Town Clerk Office	Monday 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Tuesday – Thursday 8:00AM - 4:30PM Friday 7:00AM – Noon

Remaining Town Hall Departments are open from
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday

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